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## Nazis Plan New Diplomatic Bluff To Counter Axis Failures

# HITLER'S GROWING FEAR OF LONG WAR

From A Diplomatic Correspondent

**T**ODAY I CAN REVEAL THAT HITLER, FEARING A LONG WAR AND EVENTUAL DEFEAT, IS WORKING HARD TO HIDE FROM THE WORLD THE DISASTROUS EFFECTS OF THE FAILURE OF THE NAZI-FASCIST WAR PLANS.

Information reaching me indicates that he may launch his last great war of nerves in a desperate effort not only to save the Axis, but to retain and consolidate his gains without further risk of defeat.

The plan, now reported to be almost complete, is in two parts—a novel type of diplomatic bluff and military threats on a wide—world scale.

Hitler's new drive may develop along the following lines:—

### DIPLOMATIC:

Extensive propaganda putting over the so-called "New Order in Europe" as an accomplished fact, just as though Germany had already won the war.

Intensification of the war of nerves by a drive, pointed at Britain, U.S.A., and the world of Islam behind Turkey.

BRITAIN will be told that a continuation of the struggle against such a solid confederation of States is futile. If peace were discussed the Nazis might be generously inclined.

U.S.A. will be told that if the war stops Germany will be able to offer the new world greater trade than America now has with Britain.

TURKEY and ISLAM will be guaranteed independence of religion, territory and culture if they cease to back Britain.

### MILITARY:

Air attacks on wider scale to break civilian morale.

Should Hitler launch such a campaign it will come as no surprise either to Mr. Churchill or Mr. Roosevelt. They know that as long as Britain's nerves hold out—as they will—Hitler's moves may be regarded as the outcome of sheer bluff and desperation.

To begin with, the promised "New Order in Europe" is no different from the present state of affairs. Hungary has always been a vassal State. Rumania, although she has signed up with the Axis, is divided. Spain can do little to help without going to war with Britain—a prospect she dreads.

So far as the "inevitable defeat" of Germany is concerned, the reverse is the case since the collapse of France. Then Germany boasted that by the end of the summer Britain would be "eliminated from the European scene."

The Luftwaffe plan to dominate the English skies has failed, the repeated threats of invasion have remained threats. Nazi war industries are being heavily battered by the R.A.F., and Italy is meeting with reverses on land, at sea and in the air.

Close co-operation between Britain and U.S.A. and between Britain and the millions of Islam and Turkey, the vast resources of the British Commonwealth of free nations; and the war potential of America's mighty industry—greater far than all Nazi-controlled Europe—are factors which will help to call Hitler's bluff.

## Stream Of Guns By Air To Greece

Greek troops continued to press home their victorious advantage yesterday over the retreating Italians in Albania.

Cairo, Saturday.  
**BY AIR AND SEA, BRITAIN IS SENDING AN APPARENTLY ENDLESS STREAM OF GUNS, AMMUNITION AND AIRCRAFT TO GREECE.**

Somewhere in the Mediterranean area I saw troop-carrying type planes en route. Laden with anti-tank guns, bombs and cases of ammunition, they landed to refuel.

Then in a few minutes they were in the air again. On arrival their cargoes were swiftly unloaded, hurried up to the front and handed over to the Greeks.

**QUICK WORK**  
I also saw an aerial convoy of fighters escorted by flying-boats on its way to Greece. One squadron went into action on the Albanian front within a few hours of its arrival, and in its first "dog-fight" shot down 11 Italian dive-bombers without loss.

So heavily guarded is this lane into Greece that not a single piece of war material has yet been lost en route.

British guns were the first to enter Koritza, and British planes mingled with the Greek machines circling over the city as the troops entered.

Greek troops are quickly acclimating themselves—sometimes under fire—to the mechanism of their new British weapons. There have been cases in which the British guns have been hot with their being taken over by the Greeks.

Occasionally guns arrive at the front bearing small Union Jacks—attached by the local inhabitants as they pass through the mountain villages.—*Reuter*

(See also Page Twelve)

## Soviet's Surprise Move BERLIN ENVOY REPLACED

Moscow, Saturday.

**THE** Presidium of the Supreme Soviet has appointed the Deputy People's Commissar for Foreign Affairs, M. Dekanosov, as Ambassador of the Soviet Union to Germany.

The present Ambassador to Germany, M. Shvarts, has been released from his duties, according to the official Tass Agency.

M. Dekanosov is one of several Deputy Commissars whom M. Molotov has to help him at the Foreign Office. Another is M. Vishinsky, with whom Sir Stafford Cripps, the British Ambassador, has had one or two talks in recent weeks.—*Reuter*

Anticipation  
May Be Better  
Than Realisation  
BUT—!



## Britain's Money Problem "Urgent"

—Says LORD LOTHIAN

New York, Saturday.

**"BRITAIN IS BEGINNING TO COME TO THE END OF HER FINANCIAL RESOURCES,"** LORD LOTHIAN, BRITISH AMBASSADOR TO U.S.A., TOLD NEWSPAPER MEN ON HIS ARRIVAL BACK HERE TODAY FROM HIS VISIT TO ENGLAND.

Lord Lothian, according to reports circulating here, is expected to leave immediately for Washington, where, it is believed, he will take up without delay the question of increased aid to Britain.

Lord Lothian also told the pressmen that it "would be a difficult year" and that Britain needed all kinds of war supplies,

including munitions, ships and "perhaps finance."

On further questioning, the Ambassador said that available gold and securities had been virtually used up and that this factor figured in the calculations for 1941.

**HE ADDED THAT THE FINANCIAL PROBLEM WAS "BECOMING URGENT."**

He went on to express satisfaction over America's assistance and said that there was no feeling in England that it was "not enough."

"Confidence in ultimate victory is high," he continued. "The people do not have the slightest doubt that they are going to win. The bombings have intensified national unity. The people feel they are not going to be done in by Hitler but that they are going to do in Hitler instead."

Lord Lothian did not indicate at any stage of his talk that Britain would seek financial aid from the United States, and he was explicit in stating: "Britain definitely does not need men as part of United States assistance."

## Martial Law On Bosphorus As Rumania Joins The Axis Pact

Rumania yesterday joined the Axis.

General Antonescu, the Rumanian Conducator (Fuehrer) signed a protocol in Berlin linking his country in military alliance with Germany, Italy and Japan.

General Antonescu had had a 34 hours' talk the previous day with his master, Hitler.

His adherence to the pact, following the example of Hungary, came as no surprise. Germany already has between 200,000 and 300,000 troops in Rumania.

Signature of the pact merely formalises the situation under which Germany has direct access to the Black Sea and

throws a warning finger at Turkey.

General Antonescu described the new pact as "a sincere and practical contribution of the Rumanian nation towards the reconstruction of Europe and the world."

The pact does not, however, now become a five-power agreement. Neither Rumania nor Hungary is granted equality with the Axis powers. Both must recognise the leadership of Germany and Italy in Europe and Japan in the Far East.

The departure for Berlin yesterday of the Slovak Premier, Dr. Tuka, suggests that this puppet State may soon become the sixth adherent to the totalitarian agreement.

There is as yet no indication that other States will toe the line in response to Hitler's intense diplomatic pressure.

## No Christmas Armistice

By Our Military Correspondent

**THERE WILL BE NO CHRISTMAS ARMISTICE THIS YEAR.**

The Prime Minister will make this clear when Parliament meets again and he answers a question that will be put to him by Mr. T. Naylor, M.P. for Southwark.

Mr. Naylor is asking:—  
"Whether he will invoke the good offices of the Vatican or some neutral State in furthering a proposal that, to enable the peoples of all countries to commemorate the Christmas anniversary under more appropriate conditions than would otherwise be possible, the belligerent nations shall agree to a 48 hours' cessation of hostilities on sea, on land and in the air, from 12 noon on December 24 till 12 noon on December 26."

The view of the British Government is that Hitler and his gang of thugs cannot be trusted, and that if any such deal were agreed to, we might be double-crossed.

Mussolini has already shown what he thinks of the Pope by choosing the most sacred festival in the Catholic Church, Good Friday, as the day on which he launched his invasion of Albania.

## NAVY SHELLS LIBYAN CAMP

**BRITAIN'S NAVY AND R.A.F. HAVE STRUCK MORE SMASHING BLOWS AGAINST THE ITALIANS.**

The Navy have bombarded Italian forces concentrating for an attack on Egypt, while the R.A.F. have battered more harbours and airfields in Africa and an Italian base in Albania.

An Admiralty communiqué yesterday said that during Wednesday night a naval unit assisted by air co-operation successfully bombarded Maktila Camp on the Libyan coast for an hour.

Three large fires were started. The enemy returned fire but caused no casualties.

Maktila Camp is 16 miles east of Sidi Barrani.  
An R.A.F. communiqué in Cairo said that successful bombing attacks were made on Tripoli in Libya, Benghazi, Berka and Benina in North Africa, and on Gura, Massawa and Asmara in East Africa.

## POPE ON RADIO TODAY

**ON** the universal day of prayer and penance decreed by the Pope for today, a sermon His Holiness is to deliver at High Mass in St. Peter's in the morning will be broadcast.

The prayer and penance is decreed "that all who have died in this war may find eternal rest; that those suffering as a result of the war may be granted relief; and that, order being established in the world, prosperity may come from peace based on justice."

—*Reuter*

## Martial Law On Bosphorus As Rumania Joins The Axis Pact

Berlin admits that Yugoslavia is being "stubborn."

The return of von Papen to Turkey with Hitler's latest instructions was immediately followed by the Turkish Government declaring a state of martial law on both sides of the Bosphorus.

Furkey has shown that, if necessary, she is determined to fight to protect her interests. What is more, she yesterday warned Bulgaria through her newspapers "not to be led astray into joining the slave gang known as the new order."

Russia has broken silence on the latest moves only to deny that Hungary joined the pact with Soviet approval.  
German newspapers were forbidden yesterday to publish Stalin's denial.

## ITALY GETS THE SHIVERS

SPECIAL TO "THE PEOPLE"

**T**HE R.A.F.'S CAREFULLY PLANNED DAMAGE TO MUSOLINI'S WAR INDUSTRIES GOES FAR BEYOND THE BOMBING OF MILAN AND TURIN. IT STRIKES AT THE VERY SOURCE OF ITALY'S FUEL SUPPLIES.

Battering of selected rail junctions in the Ruhr has greatly disorganised the coal supplies on which Italian industries depend.

Italy needs a minimum of 1,000,000 tons a month—70 trainloads a day across the Brenner. The daily average has already dropped to about 50 trainloads.

The consequent coal shortage in Italy is also

upsetting severely the people's everyday life.

The siesta hour has been abolished. Offices close early to save lighting and heating. These services have been cut down by 50 per cent., and in private homes no heating is allowed during daytime.

### Cold-weather Haters

At night warmth has to be restricted to 61 degrees—a cause of great discontent to a nation of cold-weather haters.

Other blows, carefully suppressed by Fascist leaders, are being rained on Italy behind the front line. About 250,000 textile workers have been thrown out of work by the British blockade of raw materials.

They were sent to German factories making substitutes for Italy, but when the R.A.F. raids were intensified and requests to return home were refused, they took to sabotage on a large scale. Italy is now doubly short in this respect.

These difficulties are causing anti-Fascist activities to spread. This is specially noticeable in the agricultural districts, where the war has been responsible for the loss of labour required urgently for next year's farm work.

Despite all the efforts of the Italian secret police, the subversive movements are growing in strength and the ringleaders are consistently elusive.

## R.A.F. DIDN'T LOSE A PLANE

# 7 Italians And 4 Nazis Shot Down

**SEVEN ITALIAN FIGHTERS WERE SHOT DOWN BY A SQUADRON OF SPITFIRES IN AN AIR BATTLE OVER THE STRAITS OF DOVER YESTERDAY. FOUR GERMAN PLANES WERE ALSO DESTROYED DURING THE DAY. AND NOT A SINGLE R.A.F. FIGHTER WAS LOST.**

Other Italian and German fighters were chased back to the French coast.

An account of how the Spitfire Squadron shot down the seven out of twenty Italian C.R. 42 fighters which they met off Dover early yesterday afternoon was given by the Air Ministry news service last night.

With this victory they brought the total of enemy aircraft destroyed by the squadron to more than one hundred. Their success was scored against the second of three waves sent by the enemy against our shores.

It was the second time in 12 days that Hitler had sent Mussolini's antiquated biplane fighters out to meet the R.A.F.

On November 11, seven Italian fighters and six bombers were shot down, without any R.A.F. loss. The Axis airmen yesterday made three attempts to get through our defences. Profiting by experience of our A.A. guns, they flew very high.

### RAIDERS CRASH

But the R.A.F. flew higher—and lower—and the raiders found themselves attacked from above and below.

Some, if not most, of the raiders crashed into the Straits of Dover as they pelted for home.

Messerschmitt 109's appeared over the S.E. coast for the first time for nearly a week, but they had hardly crossed our cliffs before they realised that the R.A.F. were waiting, and in next to no time were on their way back.

Another formation did the turn about when A.A. guns got their range, while a third attempt cost the raiders at least one plane, thought to be a Junkers.

Italian biplanes which tried their luck soon found themselves in the middle of a lively barrage which forced them out over the sea.

### LIVELY BARRAGE

At their second attempt the R.A.F. took them on, with such dire consequences for the raiders that, as they neared the French coastline, two Dornier seaplanes put out "evidently to search for survivors."

In this one fight the enemy lost seven Italian planes and one Messerschmitt 109.

The Air Ministry announcement last night stated:—  
Enemy bombers and fighters made three raids over the south-east of England, flying at a great height, penetrated to the London area. Very few bombs were dropped, but some damage was done to dwelling houses in a suburb in South London and in a town on the Thames Estuary.

The number of casualties, so far known, is very small.  
London's alert last night came later than usual; and well after enemy raiders had been reported over a town on the North-East coast.

Planes were also reported last night over a town in South Wales.

## NAZI BOMBER BASE AFLAME

**"A HIDEOUS MESS" WAS ONE PILOT'S DESCRIPTION OF THE GERMAN AERODROME AT MERIGNAC, NEAR BORDEAUX, AFTER A CONCENTRATED ATTACK IN FORCE BY THE R.A.F. ON FRIDAY NIGHT.**

Merignac is the place from which Nazi heavy bombers raid British Atlantic shipping.

Flames hundreds of feet high, visible 100 miles away, let the pilots even see their bombs dropping. The barracks were destroyed, and hangars left like "great skeletons."

All along the Channel Coast from Lorient to Flushing the R.A.F. hammered invasion bases while other machines bombed targets in the Ruhr.

One plane failed to return from these and attacks made during the daytime on aerodromes in Holland. The island port of Duisburg-Ruhrort, which suffered so heavily three nights ago, was again attacked early on Friday night. Reports show that, in spite of cloudy weather, there were many explosions on the target.

The Krupp Works at Wanne-Eickel, for the manufacture of "Kogafin," a synthetic oil, made by their Fischer-Tropsch process, was attacked in force.

Railway sidings at Lumen, the railway at Gelsenkirchen and marshalling yards at Dortmund-Versch were also raided.

## Q: "What do you find best for Catarrh of the Digestive Organs?"



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**ANGIERS Emulsion**



MINISTRY OF FOOD

THIS WEEK'S

# FOOD FACTS

ON THE POTATO FRONT

POTATOES are home grown: we can eat as many as we like without using one inch of cargo space. Potatoes are good for us: they give us energy and bodily warmth and are what scientists call "protective" foods—that is, they help us to ward off infections. And remember—potatoes shouldn't always mean *boiled* potatoes. There's no end to the delicious ways in which they can be served.

## Can you Cook

**Potatoes**  
Before you answer "Yes" just read quickly through these questions. (If you haven't a steamer, a colander put over a pan of boiling water and covered with the lid will do.)

1. Do you always scrub your potatoes rather than peel them? (Nearly one-fifth of the value of the potato is lost if it's peeled.)

2. Do you conserve the goodness of your potatoes by baking or steaming them whenever possible? (If you haven't a steamer, a colander put over a pan of boiling water and covered with the lid will do.)

3. When boiling potatoes, do you boil them only for 10-15 minutes, then drain, cover with a cloth and the lid and then let them cook in their own steam for about 20 minutes, to keep them whole and fluffy?

4. Do you keep your baked potatoes nice and fluffy by brushing them gently when they are done, and returning them to the oven for a minute to let the steam escape?

## Potato Salad

The golden rule about Potato Salad is "Mix warm and eat cold."

Steam some potatoes in their skins, peel and cut them into small chunks while still warm, add a finely chopped raw onion and whatever kind of salad dressing you like best. Mix these together thoroughly with a wooden spoon. When the salad is cold, add a good sprinkling of chopped parsley.

## Stuffed Baked Potatoes

Large baked potatoes can be stuffed in a great variety of ways. Here are three suggestions:



1. Cut the potato in half lengthwise, scoop out most of the inside and mix in a basin with pepper and salt and about 2 oz. of grated cheese. Pile the mixture into the potato cases, sprinkle the tops with a little more grated cheese and return to the oven to brown.

2. Mix the scooped-out potato with about 4 oz. of cooked meat or fish, finely chopped. Season with salt and pepper, pile into the cases, sprinkle with chopped parsley and reheat in the oven.

3. Mix the scooped-out potato with any left-over cooked vegetables and serve as above.

**Potato Pastry**  
There's no end to the things you can make out of potato. Try this recipe some time. You'll need:

4 ozs. sieved, cooked potatoes, 1 teaspoon salt, 8 ozs. plain flour, 3 ozs. cooking fat, 2 teaspoonfuls baking powder.

Sieve the flour with the baking powder and salt. Rub the fat into the flour, add the potato and rub in lightly. Mix to a very dry dough with a small quantity of cold water. Knead well with the fingers and roll out. This is delicious with either sweet or savoury dishes.

**Cautionary Tale!**  
Those who have the will to win  
Cook potatoes in their skin,  
Knowing that the sight of peelings  
Deeply hurts Lord Woolton's feelings.

Remember to turn on the wireless at 8.15 every morning to hear useful hints and recipes.

THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, LONDON, S.W.1

## 7 Blessings of a Critical Years For Women

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THE CALL TO VICTORY  
One of Greece's famous Evzone soldiers in full dress ceremonial uniform.

ARE we waging a total war? I wonder.... "Wishful thinking" is still popular in the pronouncements of even the highest Ministers. "We have turned the corner": "We shall catch up with German production by the Spring"; and "We have smashed the enemy's production fifty times worse than he has hurt ours," are samples.

Then, on the air, not so long ago, Sir Philip Joubert, the best of our wireless speakers, talked of our having solved the problem of the night bomber—and, immediately after, came the horror of Coventry and the attack on other Midland towns.

Optimism makes glad the ears. Flattery is the treacle of sound. But—make no mistake about it—the issues of this war will decide the history of the world for a century.

Victory means freedom — of body, mind and soul. Defeat means slavery. Defeat means degradation. Defeat means the loss of everything for which millions suffered torture and death.

It is no time for duping dupes with delusions. It is an hour for Action—eager and urgent.

Are we waging a total war? No, we are not!

The dead hand of the Civil Service still strangles our national effort. Old-fashioned methods of business still impede our output. Changes are needed both in the Government and in the prosecution of the war.

**Revelations In A Postbag**

ONLY the heavy postbag of a widely-read journalist like myself can give an indication of the disturbance in many minds that things are wrong.

I arrive in the afternoon, day after day, cheerful enough—until I begin to read my letters. Then I find an outpouring of thousands of words of worry.

Some are personal complaints, irritating but natural enough. The great majority, though, are from people who either feel that they themselves are not being used or who see in Government policy many, many errors.

Lord Halifax, of course, is the chief object of criticism. To judge from my postbag, I must conclude that the vast majority of the electorate, knowing of the years of blundering in our diplomacy, have not the slightest idea why he is retained in the Foreign Office.

They drop in appeasement in all its forms—except the appeasement of India, where limitless man-power would follow a settlement.

Why not move Halifax to the India Office? He was an able Viceroy. His many friends with Gandhi, with whom he even discussed St Luke's gospel!

Where he is, he remains a liability. In charge of India—if Winston could forget some of his own political past—he might be a great asset.

**The Act They All Forgot**

HERE we are, still appealing Franco—this because of Sam Hoare, who should be sacked. Immediately, for the future he has invariably been—just as, a year ago, we were trying to appease Mussolini!

Franco is afraid, not of Sam Hoare, but of the British Fleet. Even as it is, we allow him to seize Tangier without firing a shot!

Then there is the waste in output due to our failure to nationalise war essentials—money, factories, commodities—except by passing, in just over three hours, a Bill that said we had done it.

Clement Attlee made a speech, introducing the measure. Parliament cheered, and passed it. "Now we shall win," said the country, next day.

We never heard of the Act again! It died at birth. And so we drift on.

Then somebody makes another speech and people say: "Did you hear so-and-so on the air? Wasn't he nice?"

Man-power! Machinery! Guns! Aircraft! Tanks! Those are the essentials of Victory. They must be multiplied in their might—and then they must be thrown at the enemy with a forcefulness that nothing will withstand.

Already, in the Mediterranean campaign, Public Opinion has forced the Government to a belated aggressiveness that, so far, has saved Greece, made Russia retreat, and apparently decided Turkey to move if the Nazi menace in the Balkans sweeps over Bulgaria.

Mussolini has had his first serious set-back in a career based on a bluster that frightened us in Abyssinia and in Spain. He

finds himself, this time, not the easy victor he thought. He has been forced back—and with the deep snows of winter almost due—into a hostile Albania that is mountainous and full of problems for transport.

For once, in country that is difficult, he has been met with a force approximately his match in numbers.

Already Koritsa looks like a minor Copetito. Meanwhile, the Duce finds, at home, a populace that is already beginning to grumble at the war. No longer boastful, he almost apologises—and "explains."

More and more we must harry his forces from the air strike at the Adriatic and his supply ships, deal blow after blow on his industrial towns and his ports!

For this, the utmost effort must be put forth by every arms worker in the land. There must pour from the factories, so that we can spare every possible weapon of war for the Mediterranean adventure, munitions, munitions, munitions!

Comrades in the mills, comrades in the shops, comrades in the yards, it is up to you! Upon your loyal response to the nation's need depends the future of all mankind. Your ancestors slaved and suffered and died to win, for you, your freedom.

They, bequeathing you a priceless heritage, have passed on. Now what they want, you must save!

**It Is Up To The Workers**

HITLER, in the conquered lands, has millions of slaves forced to make, in bondage, the weapons intended for your enslavement.

He has been using, we are assured, oil that we left behind in France, because nobody thought, during our evacuation, of igniting it!

He has been dropping on our cities and towns bombs that no one suggested should be destroyed! I heard Anthony Eden boast, once, of how the largest crater made in a Kent aerodrome had been caused by a British bomb! Apparently, he considered this something to applaud!

Only "wishful thinking"—much too general in Whitehall—could induce such a mood. "Hitler has missed the bus!"

"We would welcome an attack!" "Norway is another Peninsula!" You remember the phrases. I wonder, do you also remember the names of the men who made them?

We have defended, with a superb heroism, our own Maginot Line—the English Channel and the defences of London.

But our Maginot Line must not tell us, as did that in France, into a defensive strategy that paralyses initiative, makes idle soldiers become stale and lax, and eats corrosively into the national determination.

**Hitler Will Move Eastwards**

HITLER does not stand still. Beaten in his plan to invade our shores, he has turned East, cajoling, bullying, using threats, making Force and Diplomacy two halves of a policy that bends to his will neutral after neutral.

He is on the inside, with his communications leading, like the framework of a spider's web, to Berlin's heart. The web grows in size, week after week.

He wants oil—oil, more oil. He needs it, not only for his ever-growing forces, but for his factories and for the forming of his vassal states.

Not even Rumania can find enough for his needs, for the rest of the world is cut off. And so he looks to Mosul and Iraq.

As Mussolini has failed to force a way through Greece, he must go to his aid.

Through Bulgaria? Already, King Boris has had to yield. Through Jugo-Slavia? There, next, the pressure will be used!

Every blow we strike at Italy is a blow at Hitler and all his dreams of world-enslavement. But every blow needs, first, a

weapon. And—the more weapons, the more blows!

Comrades, in this hour of Coventry's plight, and the plight of other bombed towns, it is up to you! You will, I know, not fail.

The children of the unborn years will bless you, just as you bless the barons of Runnymede. John Ball and Wat Tyler, the martyrs of Smithfield, the Ironsides of Cromwell's day, the victims of the Star Chamber, the seven, the bishops, the Tolpuddle Martyrs and thousands who, their names unknown, were victimised as trade unionists and because they dimly glimpsed, even before William Morris, the Age of Leisure.

**Bevin Proclaims His War Aim**

ERNEST BEVIN, whose stature grows as the months pass, prophesied the realising of part of that dream when, last week, he addressed the London Rotary Club.

"What is our war aim?" he asked, echoing the question millions are asking.

"Mine," he answered, "is summed up in the phrase, 'The motive of our life is social security.'"

It is no good going to the teeming millions of the world and talking of Gladstonian liberty. You have got to offer a new hope in a new world.

People did not turn to the dictatorships because of wickedness. They saw only unemployment. They wanted security.

"You cannot have security with the horrors of the present economic order. Life must have a motive. You have been taught that the motive to energy, production and enterprise is profit. The profit motive will only lead you back to the same old position—and future generations will pay again."

People did not turn to the dictatorships because of wickedness. They saw only unemployment. They wanted security.

"I suggest that, at the end of the war, we accept social security as the motive of all our national life...."

"Never again must we allow the God-given land of this country to be misused," went on Bevin.

Well, he is in the War Cabinet! If this paradise of social security is to be reached, we must begin now—yes, even while the struggle is going on.

"Isn't that the best answer to Hitler? Talk of national unity is an empty phrase unless it is directed to this great objective."

**Stronger Government Is Needed**

STILL, for the planning of this and for the earlier achievement of victory, upon which Bevin's schemes depend, we want a stronger Government.

The nation regards Winston Churchill not only as the finest exponent of its will that the country has ever produced, but as the spearhead of its determination to win.

But it is not satisfied with the Government. It wants several changes made, and quickly.

Coventry must be rebuilt. It provides for Lord Reith his first chance to show not only skill and wisdom in design, originality in architecture and a courage of mind I believe him to possess.

But he must have absolute power over Land and Money, so that there can arise in place of the ruins of Savagery a City of the Future, an inspiration to all the builders of Tomorrow, a pattern to the world.

If, out of the chaos and calamity that arises, the citizens of a Coventry yet unplanned will live to look back, not only on the pride on the heroism with which their ancestors died, but on the courage with which some of their forbears had a vision of Beauty and then realised it in brick and stone.

But we want, not only a New Coventry, but a New World.

That can only be fashioned if, impassioned with a flaming faith, we insist on changes that sweep away all that is selfish and greedy in the land!

You Will Agree

## Our Diplomacy's A Conundrum!

REMEMBER THE CHRISTMAS GAG? A WIT IN THE FIRESIDE CIRCLE ANNOUNCES HE HAS A CONUNDRUM. SO THE REVELLERS SIT UP IN ANTICIPATION.

Thereupon, he quotes a case of a railway train running on a certain route, and halting at intermediate stations.

This train starts with six people aboard, one a baby in arms. The locomotive is a green one.

At each stop, passengers alight and others join. Occasionally, coaches are switched on and off. Finally, the train puffs into the terminus, and the wag asks his listeners for the name of this last station.

Our fireside party considers a while. A few submit guesses. One by one they give it up. Whereupon the wag says there is no answer. He has just made up the stuff as he has gone along.

IT SEEMS TO ME THIS CONUNDRUM FITS THE COURSE OF OUR DIPLOMACY OF THE LAST FIVE YEARS.

Study the data how I will, examine shuntings and switches, I can never work out our destination.

For me, at least, the potpourri of diplomatic evidence doesn't make sense.

Whither bound is our diplomatic train? Have our diplomats an answer? Or have they made up each puzzle, while groping along?

Let us look back, as Locks wife said upon leaving town. Ages ago, so it seems now, there were five nations, Britain, Germany, Russia, Italy and Japan, who, though showing signs of pugnacity, rivalry, were still at peace.

The bosses of Germany, who had risen to power by elimination by murder, hated their counterparts in Russia.

One German, Big-mouth, Adolf Schickelgruber, alias Hitler, wrote a best-seller in which he called the Russians names—and then some!

He foretold calamity would come to the Fatherland if ever a Russo-German agreement were insanely negotiated.

NOR DID JAPAN'S HONOURABLE MASTERS LOVE THE RUSSIAN COMRADES. AT TIMES, THE RISING SUN BECAME DEFINITELY OVERHEATED, AND THE SICKLE WAS CUTTING, IN RETURN.

Once, they had a minor war on the borders of Manchukuo way.

As for Italian Vulture Mussio, he, too, added himself to the queue of Russia's ill-wishers.

Finally, these three detractors, to show their unanimity, drew up their Anticomintern Pact, which told Russia exactly where she must hold off!

And what of Britain? The British diplomats were resolved they wouldn't play ball, at least openly, on either side.

"I suggest that, at the end of the war, we accept social security as the motive of all our national life...."

Which wasn't at all puzzling. Up to this point the conundrum was certainly intelligible.

BY AND BY, HOWEVER, THE TOUGH TRIO OF EURASIA STARTED SHOOTING UP INNOCENT PEOPLE EVERYWHERE.

Japan in China, Italy in Abyssinia, Albania and Spain, and Germany all around the Blessed Fatherland.

And for several months didn't the British diplomats live peacefully, unprovokedly, accommodatingly?

They allowed British subjects and soldiers to remain in China and to be insulted and manhandled by Jap hoodlums.

They had protests flowing out of their dictatorships—with spaces for the date, place and signature.

They closed the Burma Road to war supplies going to the Chinese. They permitted East Indian oil to fill the tanks of Japanese bombers.

They winked at armies and munitions moving in masses through the Suez Canal, all bent on Abyssinian slaughter—some now being used against our own troops.

They appeased Murderer Hitler until he and his Nazi liars guffawed with delight.

They raised millions at home from taxation for armaments, poured out speeches, exchanged offices, retired to the House of Lords—but somehow didn't get many armaments.

WHAT OF RUSSIA? RUSSIA OFFERED TO AID CZECHO AGAINST HITLER. RUSSIA SENT AEROPLANES TO FIGHT SPAIN.

Later, Russia made war on the Finns.

In due course, the Finns faded out of the picture. So Sir Stafford Cripps was hurriedly given ambassadorial status to win Russian smiles again.

THE DARKNESS THICKENED, THE MESS TURNED STICKIER, AS THINGS STAND AT THIS MOMENT, GERMANY IS CHUMMING WITH RUSSIA THAN BEFORE. SO IT APPEARS, BUT NOBODY, NOT EVEN RIBBENTROP OR STALIN, IS SURE.

Molotov goes to Berlin. On his way, he is held up at railway stations which have been bombed by our R.A.F. Berlin is bombed while he is there.

The following evening, our B.B.C. seemed to find satisfaction at the Russian representative's difficulties.

Who, I ask, prompted the script? Why should this additional tactlessness go over the air?

I want to know, because I am searching—maybe foolishly—for our diplomatic destination.

One big fact shoots out its

neck. Russia and Britain are as helpful to each other as a Greenland Eskimo and a Negro from Central Africa.

That is, Russia the one-time solitary brake impeding the Axis and Britain now at war with the Axis.

And my question is, Why? Do our diplomats not regret even yet their old diplomacy? Are they willing that the British Commonwealth should fight Germany and Italy without Turkey's favours?

HOW TURKEY ACTS DEPENDS ON RUSSIA'S ATTITUDE, AND WHAT RUSSIA DOES DEPENDS ON OUR DIPLOMACY.

My own inclination is towards avoidance of provocation of Russia. If we have had so much patience with Italy in peace and in war, surely we might try this patience with Russia.

True, we have, belatedly, made an offer to Russia, but most people regard it as a silly one.

The line to follow is the one which keeps Turkey as a barrier to Hitler and Mussolini on our Mediterranean flank. The next step is to blast the Italian Navy out of the water.

That would release many of our warships to convoy merchantmen in the Atlantic. It would prevent heroic tragedies like the Jervis Bay episode.

Possibly, however, there is a sound explanation of our old attitude towards Russia, one satisfactory to most of our people.

Months ago, we were promised the whole story in a White Paper. Somehow we didn't get it. Again, I ask, Why?

AND FROM ALL THIS THE DIEHARDS WILL IRRELEVANTLY DEDUCE I AM TURNING BOLSHY AND THAT MY DELIRIUM COMES FROM INDULGENCE IN VODKA.

Yet, I want only two things. Like Mr. Walker, I want to know, and like most of our folks I want a better diplomacy than the one which has landed us in the present mess.

Maybe the account would be such a confusing conundrum there could be no sensible answer.

Indeed, I suspect it would read like a paragraph of Diplomacy in Wonderland.

Parents must be on their guard this winter—foster-parents too—and the doctors, welfare workers and teachers who have children in their care. For winter dangers are doubled by war conditions. Many boys and girls are away from home—a strain in itself; rationing upsets food habits too; and there is general tension and anxiety. If children are to hold on to health they need extra strength and vitality. They need Virol. More than anything else Virol builds children up and fortifies against colds and infections. Its balanced nourishment restores nervous energy and supplies everything essential for health and growth.

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## "CO-OPERATE" PLEA TO U.S. BY BEVIN

MR. BEVIN, MINISTER OF LABOUR, EARLY YESTERDAY APPEALED TO PEOPLE ABROAD "WHO HAVE WITHIN THEM THE SAME DESIRE AS WE HAVE FOR THE VICTORY OF OUR PRINCIPLES, TO CO-OPERATE WITH US."

He was broadcasting to America, and said that Britain was determined to go to the last penny and the last ounce of effort to resist aggression.

"What shall it profit anyone," he asked, "who, on any pretext, withholds either his wealth, skill or energy and loses the battle of liberty in consequence?"

What better hope could we give the millions enslaved by the Nazis than to let them know that throughout the world free men and women's efforts were directed to working and striving to send the means for deliverance?

**PLANES, GUNS, SHIPS**  
"Let them then hear," said Mr. Bevin, "the resounding answer in the roar from the planes built in your factories, the guns, the ships and the full resources of your production."

"Virtually, then, what is being fought out in Europe is a great civil war, a war not so much between races as between principles, and there can be no peace until one or other of these principles triumphs."

"Either we must accept and bend the knee to worship the superman and accept his domination, or we must make the principle of democracy the fundamental basis of government. In other words, people must accept the dictum of their overlords or the rulers must be responsible to the people."

**SUPPORT FOR GREECE**  
"Once supremacy in equipment and men is won the morale of the Nazi will break," said Mr. Ernest Bevin.

Referring to the successes of the Greeks, Mr. Bevin said they were all proud of the resistance of the heroic Greek peasant army.

Britain would do her best to support Greece in the struggle, but they knew the end was not yet.

They were fully alive to the possibilities that in Eastern Europe their enemies might arise at the dictates and out of fear of Germany, but a nation that sought to operate its foreign policy merely on the ground of its own preservation was doomed to lose in the end.

## STEEPLEJACKS' FALL TO DEATH

Two Sheffield steeplejacks were killed yesterday and another was injured by a fall while at work. The dead men were George Harry Brindley, of Grafton-st., and Charles Haywood, of Kearsley-rd.

Jack White, of Western-rd., Sheffield, was injured.

## Their Smuggled Sparklers DRAMAS IN DIAMONDS

A CURTAIN LECTURE



Goliath herons at the London Zoo have a little chat about domestic affairs.

## He Taught Teacher AIR EXPERT GETS SHOCK!

INSTRUCTORS TRAINING RECRUITS FOR BRITAIN'S AIRCRAFT FACTORIES FIND THEIR PUPILS EFFICIENT AND READY TO LEARN, BUT THE OTHER DAY ONE OF THESE "SCHOOL-MASTERS" HAD A MILD SHOCK.

A new arrival at the school instituted by Saunders-Roe, the flying-boat builders, after a lesson in geometry was asked to define an angle.

Next morning the instructor received a ten-page essay on angles of all kinds—a learned treatise on trigonometry, liberally salted with quotations of theorems, logarithms, anti-logs, reasoned calculations, involving cosecant, secant and cotangent.

Perusal of the paper by the instructor caused him to blush, for the essay was signed, ".... M.A. Oxon."

The large army of men and women now building planes is gradually being augmented by these recruits, who have forsaken their normal peace-time occupations, and, as one instructor told a reporter, percentage of failures is very low.

"Pupils represent a variety of occupations—typists, market gardeners, butchers, bakers, commercial artists, and so on," he said. "If criticism can be made of them, it is they are too eager to learn."

"We have to keep some of the over-eager 'slow-downs.' For instance, during 'week-ends,' when the school is closed, many of the trainees work in the factory as labourers, in order to obtain the atmosphere of the shops."

After the trainees have passed into the factory, they come under the watchful and sympathetic eye of a special "father," who encourages and assists them.

**SOLDIER  
"HID UNDER  
MAID'S BED"**  
HERBERT BOSTROM (30), described as a corporal in the Royal Canadian Artillery, was, at Clerkenwell Court yesterday, alleged to have pointed a revolver at a hotel employee and to have been found hiding under a bed in a maid's room at the hotel.

Bostrom, who was committed for trial, was charged with stealing property value £25 from the Kenilworth Hotel, Gt. Russell-st., W.C., stealing property value £17 from the Kingsley Hotel, Bloomsbury, and having a revolver. Kenneth Newberry, head hall porter at the Kingsley Hotel, said that when questioned about a suit of clothes, Bostrom "seemed to flare up." He pointed a revolver at the hotel handyman, Bostrom then handed over two clocks.

When they got to the front door, Newberry bolted. Bostrom, still pointing the revolver, said: "I give you three minutes to open the door before I shoot!" "I let the boy out of the door and shouted 'Police!'" said Newberry. "The soldier ran into the basement."

Detective-Sergeant Evans said he found Bostrom hiding under a bed in a maid's bedroom.

**PILOFF, POPOFF POP OFF!**  
ROME, radio reports from Sofia that Bulgarian Premier M. Piloff, and Bulgarian Foreign Minister, M. Popoff, are to leave the Bulgarian capital tomorrow for Berlin.

**CLOG MAKER'S £4,494**  
Mr. Luke Smalley, of Railway View, Clitheroe, Lancs, shoe and clog maker, who died on July 7, aged seventy-one years, left £4,494 gross, with net personality £3,291.

## STILL NO SHELTER!

Red Tape And The Hospital

Special to "The People"

RED TAPE in Whitehall is preventing a hospital in the London district from building an air raid shelter for its patients and staff.

In August last the hospital authorities decided to build a shelter, but found they could not do so until they received the sanction of the Ministry of Health.

They made application, but several weeks passed before permission was obtained. Then officialdom said that work must not begin until the Ministry had consented to the chosen tender.

Now, nearly four months after, the hospital is still waiting for the Ministry's consent. Mr. Tom Grove, M.P., is taking the matter up with the Minister personally.

## SCUTTLED CARGOES— WHO PAYS?

ARE underwriters and insurance companies liable to pay under policies on British cargoes in scuttled German ships, or on cargoes seized in enemy ports?

About £10,000,000 depends on the answer to this question, to be decided by Lords Justices Scott, MacKinnon and Luxmoore in the Appeal Court tomorrow.

They are giving judgment on an appeal by the British owners of cargo in three German ships.

Two of the ships were scuttled; the third reached Germany after the war. The owners appealed against judgments by Mr. Justice Hilbery in August in three "test" actions. He dismissed the actions, finding for Lloyd's underwriters, whom the cargo-owners had sued for losses under insurance policies entered into before the war.

**1,500 LEAVE LORRAINE**

Two more parties of Lorraines have arrived at Nimes during the past few days, says Havas. One party numbered 500 and the other 1,000.—Reuter.

## Aim For £1,250 "Double"!

IT'S ONLY IN PANTOMIME THAT FAIRY GOD-MOTHERS MAKE ONE'S DREAMS COME TRUE. BUT THERE'S NO PANTOMIME STUFF ABOUT "THE PEOPLE'S" GREAT NEW £1,250 DOUBLE-WEEK CROSSWORD OFFER!

The money must be won. First Runners-up will each receive a splendid box of provisions for the festive season. There's nothing like "The People" Crossword for making those black-out hours fly. And the knowledge that the time you spend so happily working out this fascinating competition may bring you a handsome cheque acts as an added charm.

Turn now to Page Eight and read the simple rules governing the contest. Then get busy, and join the happy band of winners! Enlist the help of "The Com-

## MAN WHO GOT AWAY WITH £10,000

SPECIAL TO "THE PEOPLE"

DIAMONDS ARE BOOMING IN LONDON JUST NOW, AND HATTON GARDEN, HEADQUARTERS OF THE TRADE, IS HUMMING WITH ACTIVITY, CATERING FOR PEOPLE ANXIOUS TO SINK THEIR MONEY IN THIS INTERNATIONAL "CURRENCY."

Yesterday, from a famous dealer, I heard some astonishing stories of how diamonds have been smuggled into London from Amsterdam and other centres overrun by the Nazis.

"One noted Dutch expert, who carried on an extensive trade in precious stones at The Hague," he said, "actually underwent a surgical operation in order to hide his diamonds."

"He had an incision made in his back—he is a rather fat man—and succeeded in stowing away some £10,000 worth of finely-cut stones in the wound."

"When he arrived in London a few days after the fall of Holland, he subjected himself to another slight operation to have the diamonds removed."

**"ANTIQUES" RUSE**

Diamonds worth several million pounds were deposited in the vaults of a London safe deposit firm which suffered in recent bombing attacks. The vaults were unharmed.

Part of this rich collection was smuggled into England by an ingenious ruse.

Posing as a collector of antique earthenware, a dealer managed to get half a dozen big earthenware jars past the customs, on payment of nominal duty.

The jars were taken to a garage on the outskirts of London, where they were smashed, and mingling with the broken fragments were diamonds worth thousands of pounds that had been cleverly hidden into the "antiques."

A South African diamond merchant who was in Brussels when Belgium capitulated, had in his possession a collection of precious stones worth something in the neighbourhood of £15,000.

Apparently, since Fifth Column agents in Brussels had warned the Germans that the dealer was preparing to leave with his diamonds for London, for several fruitless attempts were made by Gestapo agents to find the stones.

**WIDOW'S SECRET**  
They arrested the dealer and held him for a week. At the end of that time they had to give him best, for no amount of questioning or third degree would make him go back on his story that the diamonds had already gone to England.

He was allowed to go, and reached London with his diamonds intact.

Though he was thoroughly searched, and every article of his luggage ransacked, the diamonds were not found on the journey.

They were carried by a timid-looking elderly woman in widow's weeds who throughout the rail and steamer passage was an object of general sympathy. She carried in her arms a burial urn, in which, she tearfully said, reposed the ashes of her dead husband.

But when the "widow" joined her diamond dealer companion in London a little later, the urn was rudely broken, and from it poured the glittering treasure which the Nazis had failed to obtain.

Old tricks like concealing diamonds or other gems in hollow walking-sticks, hollow boot-heels and the like are finished with for ever, another expert told me. "The Customs are too wide awake for those dodges," he said; "but diamonds are still smuggled in and out...."

**WELL DONE, IPSWICH!**

Total for War Weapons Week in Ipswich passed the £700,000 mark yesterday, last day for collection. Final figures, however, will not be known until Tuesday, and are expected to exceed £750,000, double the figure aimed at. Ipswich people have saved £2,250,000 this year.

## Mr. Eden To YOU

## GIVE THE ARMY LADS SOME FUN

Do all you can to amuse and entertain the troops during the dark days of winter.

Mr. Anthony Eden, War Secretary, yesterday sent this appeal to 2,000 civic leaders throughout the country. Cities, towns and rural areas are all asked to join in.

"The soldiers' happiness in winter," he tells them, "will largely depend on you."

And here are some of the things he wants for the troops:

Voluntary entertainments and amusement;

Hospitality in private houses for all ranks;

Magazines and small libraries;

Sing—songs, dances, whist drives, hot-pot suppers;

Free or reduced priced seats at theatres, cinemas and football matches;

Visits to places of interest, and Establishment of advice bureaux.

He also suggests the formation of a central fund in each district to supplement the resources of the poorer areas.

## Three Ships In Atlantic "Torpedoed"

New York, Saturday.

THREE VESSELS, TWO BRITISH AND ONE SWEDISH, HAVE BEEN TORPEDOED 400 MILES OFF THE IRISH COAST, ACCORDING TO A MESSAGE INTERCEPTED BY MACKAY RADIO.

One ship reported that she had taken on survivors from another, but that she was herself damaged and was drifting eastward in need of immediate aid.

The Swedish ship was the Anten (5,135 tons), of Gothenburg. A signal from her at 11.30 yesterday morning said that she was still afloat.

The British ships are given as Blairek (3,300 tons) and Tymeric (5,228 tons), both of Glasgow.

It is the Swedish vessel which reported that she had taken on board the survivors of the Tymeric, and was herself damaged and "drifting east: requires immediate assistance."—Reuter and B.U.P.

## CRASHED PLANES— ANOTHER WARNING

FURTHER warning to the public not to approach crashed enemy aircraft or pick up containers or other objects which may be in the vicinity was given yesterday by the Ministry of Home Security.

Cases have occurred recently of persons disregarding with serious results advice to avoid approaching crashed planes, in view of explosion danger.

**BOUND FOR BERLIN**

Italian Minister of Justice, Signor Grandi, who is in Munich, is to visit Berlin tomorrow, at the invitation of the German Minister, Dr. Frank.

**CROSSWORD NO. 222**

AS Crossword Competition No. 222 did not close until yesterday, the result and winning square will not be published until next Sunday.

## U.S. SHOULD SHARE ICELAND, SAYS M.P.

MR. WEDGWOOD (Lab., Newcastle-under-Lyme) is to ask the War Minister "Whether he can give an estimate of the cost of defending Iceland; and whether he will consider sharing the occupation with, or handing it over to, the United States, thus reducing our expenditure and freeing troops for duties elsewhere."

## You must get rid of Rheumatic Acids

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# Secrets of the "Flanders U-Boat Flotilla"

BY LIEUTENANT-COMMANDER  
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(The Famous Naval Historian)



## RAIDERS DOOM!

ON the second day after declaration of the last war nine German submarines set out from Heligoland, expecting any moment to encounter British men-of-war. Off Horn's Reef they waited, saw nothing, then gradually advanced further north till suddenly, on August 8, British battleships were observed, whereupon U-15 (one of the nine) fired a torpedo at H.M.S. Monarch, and missed.

Next day, however, U-15 was spotted on the surface by H.M.S. Birmingham, who, with remarkable seamanship, performed the difficult task of ramming, cut the submarine in two and sent the culprit sinking to the sea-bed near Fair Island.

Thus did the first U-boat disaster happen in the first Great War.

Now among those pioneering nine was U-8 under Kapitän-Leutnant Stoch. He returned safely home, and during December he became one of the first submarines to use Zebrugga with the neighbouring port of Ostend after German occupation of Belgium.

This was several months before Flanders developed into a naval base with its own separate flotillas, but meanwhile the two ports were used as an advanced outpost against Britain.

Weeks sped by until Germany announced that from February 18, 1915, she would regard the waters round Great Britain and Ireland as a zone where all merchant shipping should be destroyed at sight.

In effect—though not in word—this amounted to the declaration of a submarine blockade round our shores.

### Through the Nets

Now on that very day U-8 left Heligoland bound for the English Channel, passed through Dover Straits, got held up by the net of the Varne, burst her way through and reached the neighbourhood of Beachy Head, where she promptly torpedoed four British steamers—Oakby, Branksome, Rio, Parana and Western Coast—during February 23 and 24. She then tried to sink the hospital ship St. Andrew, but luckily did not succeed.

Stoch then took his boat back to Flanders, filled up with stores, and early on the morning of March 4 set out from Ostend for another trip. It was to be no pleasure cruise for either Stoch, his three officers or his twenty-four men.

We can picture his boat as displacing 630 tons when below surface, in which condition she had a speed of 8 knots (for one hour), but above surface—displacing merely 500 tons—she could do her 13 or 14 knots.

For armament she relied on two torpedo-tubes in the bows and another couple aft.

The trouble began when she got past Dover that same afternoon in the strong tide and found herself some half-dozen miles to the southward near the N.E. buoy of the Varne shoal, which lies midway in the English Channel, steering down the fairway with hull invisible, but periscope showing.

This for a German U-boat always meant a most anxious bit of navigation, keeping on the alert for eager patrols and dodging commercial traffic.

### Leaving a Trail

Stoch, through his lens, observed, not without anxiety, several British destroyers and drifters, but hoped to avoid their attentions: if that could be achieved during the next mile or two all might turn out happily. For with the widening of the English Channel his course would be far less restricted.

Yet fortune seemed to be on his side definitely: the weather was inclined to be foggy with the first promise of Spring, and this protective cloak came as a great gift when most wanted.

But Stoch, one of the most experienced submarine commanders in the German Navy and among the few who had served seven years as a specialist, now made a terrible mistake.

He allowed his craft to get foul of nets laid by fishermen crews which the Navy had enrolled.

This became manifest to H.M. drifter Ma Freen, on duty near the Varne soon after 12.30 p.m. As she looked towards the line of pellets which marked the nets, suddenly something seemed abnormal: although the tide now happened to be running in a westerly direction, these pellets were travelling easterly against a 4-knot velocity.

Pretty sure evidence that some mechanical power was at work!

The drifter's skipper did exactly the right thing, made certain this had not been caused by any shoal obstruction, took soundings and found 19 fathoms. Then he reported the affair to H.M.S. Cossack, who got busy, and that destroyer wireless the news to Captain C. D. Johnson, R.N., in charge of the destroyers at Dover.

This officer, about 1.30, rushed out of harbour in the destroyer Maori and followed H.M.S. Viking, who, like a hermit chasing a rat, was going full out against the enemy.

Now this last-mentioned destroyer, commanded by an officer

today famous everywhere, had sighted at 1.10, distant a mile off, the undoubted shape of a submarine rising to the surface during one brief clearing of the fog.

Commander (now Admiral) Edward Evans, with his characteristic instinct and determined energy that had been so marked in the Antarctic, sped the Viking towards its objective, got right abreast, tried to ram but missed, opened fire, but the submarine dived, and even now the chase continued.

For half an hour the enemy was thought to be indicating her presence, since a series of swirling pools moving north-west could certainly be discerned. Presently these turned westerly, and Viking followed for quarter of an hour; then they altered to E.S.E. until, at 3.50, Commander Evans fired his explosive sweep.

The swirl carried on 150 yards further, then ceased completely when 4½ miles from the N.E. Varne Buoy.

Now when Maori arrived on the scene Captain Johnson ordered four other destroyers to search on various bearings from Viking's position. At 3.22 a periscope was distinctly observed one mile north of the buoy, and 23 minutes

later a similar sight appeared more southerly. Destroyers were now searching the English Channel at high speed radiating like sparks to the north westward of the Varne Lightship and covering a wide area between them.

A glorious, thrilling episode for officers and men with zest and human hearts fast beating whilst down below the ears of 29 Germans could listen with trepidation to the lashing of propellers getting nearer and nearer.

Sea drama in its most tense modern expression!

These additional destroyers comprised Gurkha, Syren, Mohawk, Ure, but the Maori at 4.40 received the great joy of spying the elusive periscope, though not for long.

Twenty minutes afterwards Gurkha fired her sweep, waited but thirty seconds, and then there rose up at an angle of 45 degrees the unmistakable stern of a submarine, till gradually it came to an even keel with conning tower in full view.

The enemy had, as a result of perfect combination by her pursuers, been chased out of the water and now lay an ideal target.

Guns barked furiously, men in the Maori and Gurkha began deluging the conning-tower with shells, victory was theirs.

As usual, the Germans showed little stomach to fight a losing game, and several of them emerged on deck holding up their hands in impotent surrender.

"Cease fire!"

All destroyers approached and encircled the Maori and Stoch, his three officers, every one of his twenty-five men were rescued and taken prisoners, though U-8 herself sank to the bottom.

While the success directly was attributed to Lieut.-Commander

that which she carried out on the morning of October 17, 1917.

This consisted of a raid by two cruisers against a North Sea convoy, and Admiral Scheer himself some while before his death admitted that the object of this indirect method was to make us provide better protection by way of escorting forces and thus take the latter away from anti-submarine work.

It well exhibits the German far-sighted mentality.

In those days periodically a number of steamers belonging to various Allied and neutral nationalities would be taken care of in company, while proceeding across the North Sea between Bergen in Norway and Lerwick in the Shetlands.

### More Confidence

Since many demands were being made on such vessels as cruisers this escort had to be made by several armed trawlers with a stiffening of destroyers, and sometimes even armed steam yachts were employed.

So well did the system work, so determinedly was submarine attack resisted by guns and depth-charges that merchant ships gained confidence and the Scandinavian trade ceased to be interrupted.

Although the dates of such sallies were more or less secret, yet from such people as Norwegian pilots, and spies, Germany knew pretty accurately when and where the convoys could be located on voyage.

She therefore selected the two 3,800 tons cruisers Brummer and Bremse. These ships had been built in Germany yards for Russia as minelayers, but the advent of war prevented delivery. Of 34 knots speed, each mounted four 6-inch guns and could well be spared for a raid.

On October 15, the outward-bound convoy, escorted by the two destroyers H.M.S. Mary Rose and Strongbow, the armed trawler Elsie and the armed whaler P. Fannon—these two last-named each having only a 6-pounder gun—left Lerwick and arrived safely off Bergen.

The four escorting units then picked up off the Norwegian coast a dozen British, Belgian, Danish, Norwegian and Swedish steamers and began the westbound trip.

It was shortly after six o'clock that Wednesday morning, while still 65 miles away from the Scottish coast, just as day was dawning over the cold, grey North Sea, those on watch in the Strongbow sighted two fast war vessels racing up from aft.

### Bred in the Bone

With their three funnels, each at first resembled one of the British "County" class cruisers.

They were challenged, failed to make the recognition signal, and inside ten minutes had opened fire, hit Strongbow in the engine-room, put her out of action, made her an immobile target, did the same to Mary Rose, then proceeded to concentrate on the others.

Mr. E. Coxhill, signalman in the Strongbow, who was off watch below at the time, tells me:

"I was awakened by the bizzar and the 4-inch gun over my head barking away. I came on deck to observe one funnel out of two lying down, foremost gun's crew laid out close by the gun, and my skipper, Lieut.-Commander E. Brooke, with one leg injured and his eye badly knocked about.

"Then I noticed I couldn't see with my right eye and that my head was bleeding. On taking more notice, I saw the Mary Rose, like us was a standing target as Jerry had put her engines out of action like ours.

"I then saw that all our convoy were burning fiercely and the enemy still firing—even at the boats while being lowered.

"I still have in my mind the spectacle of those burning merchant ships in the greyness of an October morning, intermingled

### AS THE ENEMY SAW HIMSELF

HERE is a drawing from a German paper of the last war showing "a submerged submarine in English waters." This is typical of the U-boats in general use in those days, as described in this series, which is published in response to numerous requests.

with flashes of gun-fire, as one of the most awe-inspiring sights of my life."

With great gallantry the Elsie steamed up, saved Lieut.-Commander Brooke, Mr. Coxhill, and a few others, but with heavy losses the Strongbow, badly abaze, went down bows first into the chilly sea.

The Mary Rose foundered with all hands, and about half-past eight the Germans, not having made the slightest effort at any rescue, altered course towards home.

Of the twelve commercial steamers nine had been sunk. Marvellous to relate, neither Elsie nor the P. Fannon received injuries, so now they took the other three units again under escort and brought them safely into Lerwick.

German brutality in one generation differs little from the next. When British patrol craft subsequently arrived on the scene, four bodies of Norwegian seamen killed by bullet wounds while still in a small boat—one man shot through the heart, another with right arm shattered, a third with a bullet in the abdomen, and the fourth severely wounded in the head—testified to the callousness of firing shrapnel on neutrals trying to save themselves.

But still stronger British escorts were provided for the Scandinavian convoys, and finally the enemy could not prevail.

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## India

From Singapore on the East to Aden on the West, India—a mighty member of the British Commonwealth of Nations—stands on guard against the common enemy.

Hindu and Muslim are at one in their loathing of Nazism, for the Nazis have trampled upon the things of the spirit. Again and again India's leaders—in every Province of British India and of every political party—have denounced the Nazi threat to the ideals by which the peoples of India live.

The rulers of the Indian States have offered all their resources: Muslims vic with the representatives of Hindu martial tradition, Marathas, Rajputs and Sikhs.

Recruiting offices all over the country are crowded with volunteers for the Indian Army and the Indian Air Force. Behind India's famous army stand inexhaustible reserves of man-power.

Of the 40,000 pieces of equipment needed to fit out a modern army, more than 20,000 are already being produced in India. Production of iron and steel in India has increased from 1 million tons in 1914 to over 2½ million tons in 1939-40. To-day, not only can she meet her own requirements, but she is also exporting steel for the war needs of the Commonwealth in the Mediterranean and the Middle East.

The Royal Indian Navy, trebled in numbers since the war began, works with the Royal Navy to sweep the waters of the Indian Ocean.

India is in no doubt about the nature of this struggle. In their massive strength the 380 millions of her people join with the rest of the British Commonwealth of Nations in delivering the world from the beastliness of Nazi tyranny.

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- 2.—It's a confused noise; it's a tumult; it's an uproar; it's a word of six letters. Name it.
- 3.—It's the name of the wife of Ahab, King of Israel; it's a wicked, bold, or vicious woman. What is it?
- 4.—It may be silver; it may be gold; it may be diamond. What is it?
- 5.—It's a crevice; it's a chink; it's a corner; it's a hole; it's a word of six letters. Name it.
- 6.—It's an animal used for hunting rats and driving rabbits from their holes; it's a sharp-eyed searcher or detective. Name it.
- 7.—It's the Arabian camel; it's a swift variety used for riding on. Name it.
- 8.—It's a covering for chairs, sofas, etc.; it's used to prevent their being soiled by oil on the hair; it's an ornament too. Name it.
- 9.—It's a creature having eight arms furnished with suckers; it's an influence having far-reaching powers for harm. Name it.
- 10.—It's a kind of coarse grass; it flourishes in Spain and the North of Africa; it's used for making paper; mats, etc. Name it.
- 11.—It's a kind of knife; it's a variety of cake; it's a form of tree. Name it.
- 12.—It's a popular female Christian name; it's a popular name in the animal world. What is it?

(ANSWERS IN PAGE TEN)



# MIRACLE MAN OF THE AIR

By A. W. HELLIWELL



Squadron-leader Douglas R. S. Bader, D.S.O., the "leaky" pilot who commands a famous Canadian fighter squadron.

HE PULLED THE STICK HARD BACK IN A DESPERATE EFFORT TO GAIN HEIGHT, BUT, EVEN AS HE DID SO HE FELT THE PLANE LOSE SPEED AND HOVER FOR A SICKENING, STOMACH-WRENCHING INSTANT ON THE BRINK OF A STALL. THEN IT DROPPED LIKE A STONE, AND WITH THE GROUND RUSHING UP TOWARDS HIM HE SET HIS TEETH AND PRAYED THAT THE END WOULD BE QUICK.

He was still ice-cool—cool enough to think in the split second before everything blacked-out that this, after all, was how he would have chosen to die. Below other pilots were already running across the crisp, frost-sprinkled grass of the landing field in the direction of the falling plane. They had been watching his dizzy aerobatics over the drome and when he had attempted a last slow roll the D.S.O. more than 100 ft. above their heads they had held their breath in silent consternation.

This was more than flitting with Death—a pastime that dapper, smiling little Douglas Bader lightly followed almost every day of his life—this was positively linking arms with it and asking for trouble.

eight years later was to become one of Britain's outstanding fighter pilots!

No one who saw him crash at Reading back in 1931 thought that he could possibly survive.

"My God! Poor Douglas!" murmured the first of his friends to reach the wrecked plane. Bader was imprisoned somewhere in that tangled mass, but there seemed no hope that he could still be living. They got him out at last, and, miraculously, a faint spark of life still flickered in his crushed body.

For days he lay unconscious. Both legs were amputated, one completely, the other at the knee. For many weeks after the operation the shadow of death still hung darkly over him, yet the first thing he said when he realised that he had lost his legs and while the doctors were still struggling to keep the slender thread of life from snapping, was "I'll fly again."

Today he does ride the clouds again, legless but indomitable, leader of a squadron of dare-devil Canadian pilots who again and again have struck terror into the hearts of German raiders, holder of the D.S.O. for gallantry, and with a steadily mounting total of enemy aircraft to his credit.

## MIRACULOUS

As they tilted their heads to follow his progress across the wintry sky they saw the plane hover motionless for a moment and then plunge into an uncontrolled nose-dive. The terrific impact when it crashed shook the iron-hard ground. One wing crumpled like paper. The engine, torn from its mounting, flew one way. The rest of the plane ploughed a long and ragged scar across the turf, mangle itself into a twisted ball of wood and metal.

Out of that pile of junk, so terribly injured that he did not recover consciousness until he woke up in hospital with both legs gone, they dragged a man who

## NONCHALANT

I DON'T know whether you have ever sat in the cockpit of a Spitfire or Hurricane fighter. It is a bewildering and humbling experience. Surrounded by that complex and glittering collection of controls and dials the imagination boggles. You conceive a new awe-struck admiration for the young men who not only squeeze themselves into these snug seats and go hurtling across the sky at six miles a minute or more.

That anyone without legs should be able to accomplish this miracle is almost incredible. But the young man who once whispered "I'll fly again" before he dropped back into a coma does it, and perhaps while you read these lines he will be somewhere up there harrying a luckless Nazi who will soon begin wishing that the Fatherland had never started this war.

Bader's squadron once shot down thirty-three enemy planes in three successive engagements, his personal contribution to the collection being six machines. This legless hero of so many thrilling sky duels is thirty, dark-haired and dapper, and in looks and build not unlike Dave Crowley, the former light-weight champion, who also wears Air Force blue these days.

In America, that land of picturesque slang, they would call Bader a "birdman." He has never had any other ambition except to fly. He went straight from school to the R.A.F. College at Cranwell as a cadet, and at the age of twenty-one he had already made a name for himself as one of our most daring stunt aces.

## VERSATILE

FEAR had—or has—not any place in this remarkable young man's lexicon. They say he can make a plane do anything but talk. Thousands were thrilled at the old Hendon air pageants by his wonderful flying. Even experienced pilots stare skywards in open-mouthed admiration when Douglas Bader "went to town" a few hundred feet above their heads in a sparkling succession of death-defying manoeuvres.

But it seemed he had dared once too often when he crashed at that Reading air field. Even though he survived, no one thought he would ever fly again. The tragedy was all the greater because he had been such a brilliant athlete. He was a magnificent Rugby footballer—one of the best scrum halves ever to play for the famous Harlequins, and was certain of his international cap. He had played cricket and squash for the R.A.F. and showed great promise as a boxer and cross-country runner.

Legless, it seemed that the two things for which he lived—flying and sport—must be denied him, but Bader made up his mind that he would not be beaten.

A few months after his crash, taking his first hesitant steps on his new metal legs, he was already making plans. I haven't a leg of my own to stand on," he grinned, "but I'll still get by."

He even refused to use a stick

to help him. As soon as he was fit enough he went to work as a traveller—in a specially adapted car—spending every penny he could save on flying lessons. Within nine months he had fulfilled his vow. He was flying solo again—a fully qualified civil pilot.

## PERSISTENCE

WHEN war broke out he tried to join up again. He begged, argued, pleaded and cajoled. "Just give me one chance," he asked. "That's all I need."

At last his dogged persistence, or perhaps it was his obvious sincerity or the light that gleamed in his eyes as he argued, impressed the Board. They decided to give him a test. Bader passed with flying colours, and as a result he was offered a commission and a job as a taxi-pilot—flying aircraft from factories to airfields and similar duties.

That was not good enough for him. "I want to be in the fun," he said. "Give me a fighter plane to fly."

He got his own way in the end. Bader in the Air Force blue uniform, with the precious wings sewn over his left breast, Bader was the happiest young man in the world.

The eight-gun Spitfire in which he rode the skies was the apple of his eye. With his metal legs on the rudder bar he flew it with all his old dash and brilliance and promotion came swiftly. In a little more than six months he had command of his present Maple

SQUADRON-LEADER DOUGLAS ROBERT BADER'S STORY IS ONE OF THE MOST AMAZING THE WAR HAS PRODUCED. IT IS THE STORY OF A YOUNG MAN WHO "REFUSED TO DIE," OF A MAN WHO BY DINT OF SHEER PLUCK AND DETERMINATION LEARNED, AFTER A FRIGHTFUL CRASH, TO FLY AGAIN. CONQUERING A DISABILITY THAT WOULD HAVE KEPT MOST OTHERS IMPRISONED IN AN INVALID CHAIR FOR THE REST OF THEIR LIVES.

Leaf squadron of young Canadians. Wherever Bader leads they follow. There is not a man in it who would not fly straight into Hell behind him. If Goering could boast one squadron with half the guts of this one all Germany would ring with tales of its prowess. But here in England it is different. Our heroes are, for the most part, anonymous. Their deeds—and what glorious, stirring deeds they are—are told only in the cold prose of official bulletins. Here is but one story of the many that could be told of Bader and the dare-devil company who fly with him.

They were 15,000 ft. over the peaceful Essex countryside when they sighted some 3,000 ft. below them a pair of twin-engined German bombers and fighter bombers flying in tight formation. There were between seventy and a hundred aircraft in the flight and, hovering 1,000 ft. above them, another swarm of planes flying in stepped-up formation—a favourite enemy practice—covering the sky from 15,000 ft. to 20,000 ft.

## INCREDIBLE

BADER and his men were alone. There were no other British fighters in sight, but without a second's hesitation he sank and threw his Hurricane into a vertical dive right into the heart of the tightly packed formation. On his tail came the rest—a handful of planes against more than a hundred.

As they swooped, the German fighters and bombers fanned out over the sky, scattering like leaves in the breeze to avoid these avenging furies. Where before there had been an orderly forma-

tion there now was nothing but a wild confusion of whirling, twisting planes.

Into this the Hurricanes struck, banking left and right as each pilot picked his own target. Three Messerschmitts went into a steep climb to escape as Bader dived upon them; but he was after them in a flash, and he caught the last of them at almost point-blank range with a three-second burst from his guns.

The devastating effect of a British fighter's fire at such range is incredible. The hail of bullets has precisely the same effect as a giant circular saw, literally cutting the target to pieces in mid-air.

As this Messerschmitt disintegrated, Bader threw his Hurricane into a breath-taking turn and went after the second. Its pilot had no stomach for the fight. Desperately he pulled his stick backwards and forwards in violent jerks, flying his machine in a series of switchback climbs and dives in a hopeless endeavour to shake off his attacker.

But there was no escape for him. Once again Bader's wings roared, and the German's starboard wing began to fly to pieces. Another short burst and there was a sharp "woof" of flame from the plane before it went into a long spiral dive, leaving a trail of smoke and fire in its wake.

More than half the enemy had turned tail and streaked for home immediately the Hurricanes had attacked, but they were still outnumbered heavily, and each had to be fought with a wary eye open for any Germans who might sneak up and catch them unawares.

Bader, himself, was nearly caught in this way. As he turned from destroying the second Messerschmitt he saw in his mirror another coming up behind him with white streams belching from his forward guns.

It was one of those moments when a split-second decision means the difference between life and death. In the same instant that he sighted the enemy Bader acted, and his Hurricane zoomed sideways and upwards with a wrench that would have torn the wings from any ordinary machine.

In two seconds he had shaken the enemy off and was turning to dive in his own attack, but the German pilot was heading for France as fast as he could go, and Bader had not the fuel to chase him.

## ENTHUSIASM

THAT was a proud day for his squadron. They brought down 11 German machines—eight Messerschmitts and three Heinkels—in that brief but hectic dog-fight, and they came back to their landing ground without so much as a single bullet hole in any of the Hurricanes.

In two other similar engagements they brought down twenty-two more enemy planes, while Bader has also further distinguished himself by shooting down a Dornier 17 into the sea after a fierce and dramatic aerial duel.

Only a few months ago his engine failed as he came in over the airfield and he crashed lightly. They pulled him out with both metal legs badly bent.

The legless wonder of the skies grinned as he squatted on the grass waiting while an artificer carefully straightened them. "It's a good job I've got tin legs," he joked, "otherwise I should be booked for a few months in spiritus instead of a ten-minutes' wait."

Twenty minutes later he was in the air again. That's the sort of spirit the Luftwaffe will never conquer!

# The True Importance of SLEEP

SLEEP ROBBERS ARE ACTIVE BUT YOU CAN BEAT THEM!

EVERYONE knows Napoleon's famous dictum that "four hours' sleep a night is enough for any man." He claimed that he himself never had more.

His contemporaries have reported that he would sometimes go for days without sleep and then suffer it for a short period and then he could sleep anywhere provided he was in darkness.

Beethoven, Dr. Johnson, the Duke of Wellington, Darwin, Edison and Spencer are examples of other famous men who are said to have managed on three or four hours' sleep a night.

Could we all do the same? What do we know about sleep?

WE KNOW that sleep is more necessary than food. A man can live more than a month without food and recover completely. Ten days without sleep brings death. Of course absolute insomnia of that kind never occurs in ordinary life because sleep of a kind comes to people even in the most unfavourable circumstances. Soldiers sleep on the march, just as birds sleep on the wing. Even in intense pain, people sleep.

ABSOLUTE insomnia is experienced only by people in extraordinary situations. Long-distance flyers, for example, suffer it for a short period and find it their greatest difficulty. Scientific workers also, when doing research on sleep, have occasionally experienced absolute insomnia. They cause themselves to be prevented from sleeping in order to study the effects. They usually behave as though intoxicated, and later become delirious. One of them has reported that he fears a repetition of this "experimental" insomnia worse than any imaginable pain, and fully understands how effective was that

ancient torture which consisted of forcibly keeping a person awake.

EVEN the ordinary wakefulness that we call insomnia, is torture enough. Lord Rosebery, when Prime Minister in 1895, never got more than 4 hours' sleep and it was his fear of suffering again in this way that prevented him from returning to office.

"I have an absolute conviction," he wrote in 1903, "that were I to return to office, I should once more be sleepless. I cannot forget 1895."

What was the difference between Lord Rosebery and the other famous men who have maintained invincible energy on similar short rations of sleep?

Common sense suggests that the difference was in the quality of their sleep. The 4 hours' sleep of Napoleon and the other mighty men was, refreshing sleep—what has been called 1st Group Sleep.

Lord Rosebery, on the other hand, must have had the shallow, unsatisfying 2nd Group Sleep.

There is a vast difference between these two different groups or levels of sleep.

The one leaves you refreshed and ready for a new day, strong and able to cope with the difficulties of the day ahead of you.

The other leaves you exhausted and fretful, fearful of what the day may bring.

SINCE sleep, and the lack of it, are matters of greater importance today than ever before, we all need the first kind of sleep. How to get it—that is the question.

Dogs of suggestions for getting to sleep have been advanced. One famous London doctor says that thinking of a black target against a black background is better than counting sheep. Another recommends closing the eyes—and then trying to see your eyebrows!

Actually, however, the problem for most of us is not so much one of getting to sleep as of getting a few good hours of the right kind of sleep. This is where Horlicks can help you. People find that after a cup of hot Horlicks last thing, they get that lovely, deep, restoring sleep. They not only wake up refreshed, but gradually their health and spirits improve all round. If you want to know again the wonderful "healed" feeling that comes from really good sleep, take Horlicks tonight.

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ONE of the most helpful, essential and inexpensive friends we can have in our medicine chest and shelter nowadays is a jar of 'Vaseline' Brand Petroleum Jelly.

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I COULDN'T GET RID OF CONSTIPATION AND I WAS SICK OF TAKING PURGATIVES



"FOR years I have suffered from constipation which used to make me feel out of sorts and wretched day after day. I tried one remedy after another but they none of them brought me the relief I longed for. Then one day my Mother persuaded me to try eating

NO MORE PURGATIVES FOR ME! I'VE FOUND HOW TO RELIEVE CONSTIPATION WITH A FOOD



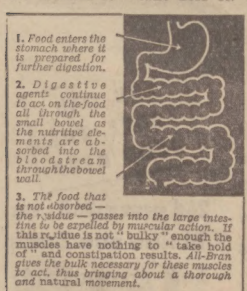
All-Bran for breakfast every day. I did so—and in a very short while I was 'regular.' I've kept on with All-Bran and today I'm a different girl! No more bother with constipation and an amazing improvement in my general health."

(Quote on file)

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YOU probably know just what it is to be constipated—to feel heavy, headachy and depressed. But do you know the cause of this wretched complaint?

Ask your doctor and he will tell you that constipation is caused by lack of "bulk" in the food we eat. Most of our staples—white bread, potatoes, milk, meat, etc., contain very little bulk. As a result, they get almost completely absorbed into the system and the residue of waste matter they leave in the bowel is not "bulky" enough for the muscles to "take hold of."



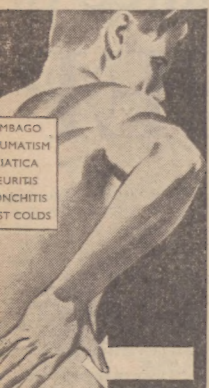
1. Food enters the stomach where it is prepared for further digestion.  
2. Digestive agents continue to act on the food till it reaches the small bowel as a soft mass. The nutrients are absorbed into the blood stream through the bowel wall.  
3. The food that is not absorbed—the residue—passes into the large intestine to be expelled by muscular action. If this residue is not "bulky" enough the muscles have nothing to "take hold of" and constipation results. All-Bran gives the bulk necessary for these muscles to act, thus bringing about a thorough and natural movement.



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LARGEST SALE

# LET'S TALK IT OVER

LIKE a spider in a gigantic web, Hitler is asking the lesser flies of Europe to walk into his parlour. Hungary had little choice. She was too close to the web itself; its sticky meshes extended to her frontiers and beyond. She had to join the Axis and obey "the New Order." The Nazis hail this as a diplomatic triumph. They have, in fact, captured a fresh victim. But the great web must also bear an added weight.

For some four weeks now the Germans have been doing their utmost to "sell" their "New Order." Ever since Hitler went to the Spanish frontier to meet General Franco there has been a sort of diplomatic "general post" as between the Axis and the neutrals.

The outcome of all these comings and goings is still uncertain, but for my own part I reflect with some satisfaction that if everything were going well for Hitler he would be most unlikely to plead and to bargain and to bribe.

Moreover, if a little country like Greece has had the courage to defy Italy and to maintain that defiance with splendid feats of arms, how much more confidently can we count upon the staunch and sturdy independence of our powerful friends the Turks?

Naturally, they don't want to be drawn into this war—who would?—but if Hitler dreams that the Turks can be intimidated or "bought off" by promises he will have a rude awakening.

Meanwhile, though we count upon the loyalty of our friends, we must go on fighting as though victory depended upon ourselves alone. And in the last analysis it does.

AMERICANS realise this. They know that we are fighting their battle. They know it so well that they are glad to release some of their latest bombers from their own Air Force to ours.

Millions of people in the United States who were strictly non-interventionist have changed their views since Germany launched her indiscriminate and ruthless air attacks upon us.

But, even if America declared war upon Germany tomorrow she could not for the time being give us any greater help than she is now doing. She knows that the freedom of the world is in our keeping.

Perhaps, for that very reason, she finds it hard to understand our attitude to India. Many people in this country do not understand it either.

INDIA did a great deal for us in the last war. She put more than 1,500,000 trained men into the field and her loyalty to Great Britain was a bitter disappointment to the Kaiser and his advisers.

That loyalty endures and now exasperates the Nazis, but the Indian peoples have "grown up" since 1918 and, though the majority of them are eager to help us once more, they will never be satisfied with anything less than full Dominion status.

We have not given them that; all we have done is to promise it at some uncertain date after this war is over. Our attitude has been that of the well-meaning parent who can't realise that his son has come of age and still refuses him a latch key.

"You don't need it, my boy," the old man explains. "You know perfectly well that if you want to stop out late I'll always come to the door and let you in."

And that, your correspondent is convinced, is the reason for the refusal of Indian political leaders to co-operate as they might have done in Britain's war effort.

MR. AMERY, the Secretary for India, was at some pains to tell the House of Commons what grand work India is doing for us in spite of all differences of opinion. And he said, no doubt with reason, that the Indian peoples detest "Hitlerism" just as we do ourselves.

The fact remains that Pandit Nehru and many other notable Indians are in jail today because, in effect, they claim the right to free speech and do not admit that we had any justification for committing them to war without their consent.

Upon the face of it, that attitude does not seem unreasonable. Freedom, you know, if it means anything at all worth while, must mean freedom for others as well as ourselves. It is not to be doled out or made up into neat parcels for selective distribution.

MR. ERNEST BEVIN, the Minister of Labour, who is more of a realist than most of his colleagues, has just summed up his personal war aims in a single phrase: "The motive of our life should be social security."

I wonder how many of our other leaders honestly believe this. I wonder how many of them want the power of the people to be enthroned and are prepared to admit, as Bevin frankly does, that there can be no social security upon the basis of the present economic order?

I believe it myself. I share Mr. Bevin's fear that there will be some kind of revolution after the war if profit continues to be regarded as the only motive for energy, production and enterprise.

We have paid lip service to democracy for years. We have said that we were working for the greatest good of the greatest number.

And yet we have grown used to unemployment—"the devil that has driven masses in large areas of the world to turn to dictators"—we have taken the poverty of millions for granted; we have tolerated the slums and millions of us have bowed down in worship of the Golden Calf.

IT is a queer thing that nine prosperous people out of every ten seem more willing to risk their lives than to lose their money. And yet there are no pockets in a shroud!

Sir Richard Acland, the Liberal Member for Barnstaple, is by no means a poor man, but he has dared to suggest that it would be a grand thing if everybody in the country were put on service pay, neither more nor less.

Many of his fellow Members, sitting in the House of Commons, must have listened in frozen horror to this "revolutionary" proposal and, indeed, Sir Richard, the Lion-Hearted, might find



THUMBS UP!

many of us loath to follow him in so daring a crusade.

Yet think what it would mean if we did. "You have no notion," said Sir Richard earnestly, "of the thrill of new enthusiasm, new determination, new willingness to make any sacrifice, go anywhere, do any kind of work, which would run through this nation if we all went on to a soldier's wage."

All the free world would share that thrill. Every timid and hesitant neutral would have the proof that we were fighting for liberty and for justice and would go on fighting to certain victory.

NOBODY, not even Sir Richard Acland or Mr. Bevin, seriously believes that the Government believes seriously in "equality of sacrifice." It may well be true, nevertheless, that, by the middle of next year, the spending power of the country will have to be cut down more drastically than ever before.

The high wage-earners in the £5 to £12 a week group may, Sir Richard believes, have to come down to a spending standard at present represented by £3-£4 a week and, in that case, he

**Thought for Today**  
STEEL YOUR HEART NOW IF YOU WOULD INHERIT A GOLDEN TOMORROW.

maintains that the men with bigger incomes ought to be restricted with equal severity, and all compelled to lend what is left.

Most of very rich people complain that they are hard hit already, but Sir Richard made a startling comparison. He said that before any man pays Income Tax at the rate of seventeen and sixpence in the pound, he must be already in receipt of an income out of the common pool equal to the pay of 400 Spitfire pilots!

Show me any man in the country worth 400 of those fellows and then leave me dazedly alone to eat my own hat and half a dozen brass ones and dream of unicorns, griffins and other fabulous animals!

LEAVING you, I hope, to think over Sir Richard's "revolutionary proposals" at your leisure, I want now to draw your attention to a new business "ramp" that needs to be stopped at once.

This concerns the charge for the storage of furniture and, were it to extend, it would impose a cruel burden upon all sorts of homeless people. Some of these have just received a circular from a big South London firm, giving them a month's notice either to remove their goods or else to accept an additional charge of 20 per cent.

How can they remove their furniture? Removal prices have already risen to scandalous rates, most warehouses are full, and if there is any excuse at all for this latest hold-up, all I can say is that the Government ought to make immediate investigation of the facts and shoulder whatever extra charge is, or may be, inevitable.

UP to the present this country has failed lamentably in its duty to thousands of ordinary people who have been bombed out of their homes and business premises.

Mr. Churchill has now repeated his promise

## CIGARETTE PAPERS

"PLUMBERS," says an article, "are hard to get hold of nowadays." Even that would not account for the enormous cost of leaks.

"If you don't wish to come out," says an advertisement, "we will come and do business with you." That's what they did at Taranto.

"Firemen," says a writer, "are our most unselfish citizens." They have an axe, but not to grind.

**TODAY'S PROVERBS**  
To fight until the very end.  
Alone makes triumph sure.  
And victory is only place your bikes.  
To those who will endure.

**WISDOM WEEK BY WEEK**  
Life is bound to be a bad egg for those who tackle it in a chicken-hearted way.

Even when caution sounds the "Alert" in your mind courage can soon give you the "Raiders Passed."

**LITTLE ALFIE ON "THE USEFUL BICYCLE"**

Their lots of people riding bikes now what didn't ride bikes before the war. Lots of folks who used to drive cars can't get the petrol, but you can make a bike go by push and determination and you don't have to deter-

that ample compensation will be paid to these victims of German frightfulness, but, as he admits, they have been kept waiting far too long already.

No doubt the problem is a complex one, but it must be solved. The War Damage Compensation Bill, we are told, is to reach Parliament during this session. It needs to be rushed through both Houses as a measure of the first urgency and importance.

And, by the same token, every instance of proved profiteering ought to be visited with the maximum penalties that the law provides. If there is none to meet the particular case, then our war-time legislation is inadequate and needs to be tightened up.

THIS war is now costing the country about fourteen million pounds a day. Bearing that figure in mind, it is ridiculous as well as wicked to quibble over the cost of air-raid shelters, relief to the homeless or any other measure to safeguard the welfare of our own people.

Nevertheless, whether it be due to official niggardliness or, more probably, to strangling tangles of red tape, we are lagging miserably behind the comforting assurances of our various leaders.

Mr. Herbert Morrison took over the Ministry of Home Security more than seven weeks ago, and Mr. Malcolm MacDonald has been Minister of Health since the middle of May. Both men are energetic and full of good intentions.

But Lord Horder declared in the House of Lords only the other day, "It would not only be foolish but criminal, to say that we are even within sight of a hygienic solution to the problem of shelter-life."

I can't understand this. The Government has been given immense powers and, it seems to me, that if Mr. Morrison and Mr. MacDonald dared to use them to the full, they could find all the money that was needed and cut clean through all the red tape that now blocks their progress.

They might have to tread on a lot of important corns and elbow many pompous people out of the way, but they would have the whole country behind them, and that's all that really matters.

THANK God, with all our mistakes and blunders, in spite of all selfishness and half-hearted adherence to high principles, the whole of this country is behind the Government in its determination to win the war.

That is more than Mussolini can say of his own people. When he tried, the other day, to explain away Taranto, the windbag Fascist bully let slip some curious admissions.

He had to warn the wretched Italian public of greater "privations" in the future. He had to caution his Fascists against waning efforts for the Party, and he bade them be on their guard against pacifist tendencies among the people.

Finally, he declared that the men of the Italian navy were "often heroic" and explained that he had begged Hitler to let him send a few bombers against Britain.

Hitler was kind enough to agree, and the R.A.F. bagged thirteen Italian planes without loss in their first major encounter!

As for Mussolini's sailors, they haven't been heroic often enough yet to accept a major encounter of any kind whatever.

*A Man o' the People*  
By The Lounger

## COFFEE-STALL SONG

There was a time earlier in the war when the coffee-stalls suffered a good deal from the black-out and its attendant potheories but they've struggled through some of the hardest difficulties, and they're doing grand work.

The coffee-stall was once a place of cheerfulness and light. The food was good, the drinks were warm.

The lamps (and talk) were bright. The coffee-stall today is out. To prove that still it can (Although its lights are screened and dim) Support the inner man!

Oh, many a steaming cup I've thankfully drunk up On evenings that with pleasure I recall.

A coffee and a sandwich were the order of the day (Or prose the order of the night one might more rightly say) And now the coffee still is good, though the lights are more grim than gay There's comfort in the good old coffee-stall.

The coffee-stall proprietor Has shown his pluck and grit, And for the shelter-people He'll always do his bit. He'll serve the thirsty customers With pleasure and good will; A coffee and a doorstep, Joe! I Shall be there until the end of the war.

There'll be at last a day when bitter-cries fade away And Britain is victorious after all; There'll be at last an ending to the Berchtesgaden -ore In peace we'll drink a cup or two or even three or four. And the lights of London's coffee-stalls will twinkle out once more! There'll be triumph for the good old coffee-stall.

## THE WORLD ON PARADE Cycle Time For Jerry

TRANSPORT difficulties in Britain are slight compared with those in Germany.

● Severe restriction in the supply of petrol for private cars is one reason. A second, and to us more important one, is the disruption of rail services due to the nightly visits of the R.A.F.

● That's why biggest booming trade in Nazi-land today is bicycle industry. Mileage a wheel is 50 per cent. greater than pre-war passenger mileage on railways.

● Latest estimate is that 27,000,000 cyclists travel daily 158,000,000 miles. In 1937 German railways operated 31,000,000 passenger miles.

## Bee Plane

PLANE which inventor claims will fly like a bee—vertically, backwards, even sideways—

country would save £70,000 a year and would get 20,000 tons of bone for the manufacture of fertilisers, cattle food, paint, glue and glycerine.

● And every scrap of bone thus saved releases shipping used to import such products from India and South America for other duties.

## DID YOU KNOW THAT—

THE "City of the Three Spires" is Coventry, a description which it earned because of its three prominent churches headed by the cathedral whose graceful spire towers 296 ft., this famous spire being a memorial to the sisters Botoner, who were responsible for its building?

● From the earliest times Coventry has been noted for its beautiful and famous women, and the city's feminine roll of honour compares favourably with that of London or any other large city, including as it does such noteworthy names as St. Osburg, Margaret of Anjou, the martyr Joan Ward and those great actresses, Mrs. Siddons and Ellen Terry?

## "OUR WORKERS"

OUR Workers all think for themselves, that's a privilege a German would prize, but our Workers have freedom of thought, you can't dope them with Broadcast Lies, for our Workers see things as they are, and they know just how they all stand, they don't want to be told through a camouflaged voice the Views of the Fatherland.

SO our Workers just listen and smile, at the efforts the Enemy makes, to get right under the skin, with crude propaganda jokes. And though some bits sound like good sense, they treat it all with a grin, and it's just that humorous vein, that will make all our Workers Win.

OUR Workers decide how they'll live, a thing German Workers would like, but our Workers demand the Right to think, the Right to down tools and strike. They've the right to give, or withhold their Aid to the Land of their Birth, and this Right, is the GREATEST RIGHT MAN-KIND HAS EVER HELD ON THIS EARTH. And that's why our Workers will Win, for this is a War for their Rights, and the Right of their Country as well, AND FOR THESE THINGS A MAN DIES AND FIGHTS. J. M.

has been developed in model by a Hagerstown, Maryland, violin craftsman.

● U.S. inventor, Walter Custer, says principle completely revolutionises aeronautics. Plane built on model would be capable of creating sufficient vacuum above its wings to lift it directly into air.

● Plane of this sort, he claims, equipped with motors of equal horse-power, would improve speed of orthodox plane by 100 m.p.h.

## Growth

DR. ANDREW E. DOUGLAS, Professor of Astronomy and Dendrochronology at the University of Arizona, has conducted an analysis of tree rings over a period of 1,700 years.

● Growth cycles, he discovered, have lengths of 5.7, 7, 8.4, 10.1, 11.3, 14, 17, 19, 22 and 34 years. Some are longer.

● These cycles are nearly the same as those found in the records of sun spots.

## Bones

If every housewife in Britain salvaged 2 oz. of bone a week, length of latest Sunday's posers; and length around waist—13 in.

THE LOOKER-ON.

ADVERTISER'S ANNOUNCEMENT

*I'm going to heat up the SOUP before the warning goes*

**YOU CAN TASTE THE GOOD BEEF**

For the shelter—Foster Clark's famous soups. Highly sustaining, on account of the prime beef and fresh vegetables. Many people get Foster Clark's ready before the warning goes, and keep it hot in a flask.

**2 1/2 square makes 5 plates**  
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*Still pre-war price*

**FOSTER CLARK'S SOUPS**  
KEEP YOU WARM IN THE SHELTER



# "Waggon-Jockeys" Are— BLITZ HEROES

## THEY DARE BOMBS AND BARRAGES

SPECIAL TO "THE PEOPLE"

**C**URSING HIS LUCK, JOE TROD SAVAGELY ON THE ACCELERATOR, AND SENT THE BIG EIGHT-WHEELER BOUNDING FORWARD. ONLY FOOLS AND TRUCK DRIVERS, HE MUTTERED, WOULD BE OUT ON A NIGHT LIKE THIS.

He was on the edge of London now, but with that queer instinct possessed by "waggon jockeys" he felt there was danger ahead.

With a huge paw he swabbed the moisture from the windshield, squinted out into the black-out. The rain was lashing down; the big guns bellowing; the sky alive with flares and flaming onions.

And the chug-chug of a Jerry overhead beat a refrain to the hum of his own engine.

Then it happened. There was a flash, a roar, and the earth opened up almost under the wheels of the fifteen-tonner.

Desperately Joe yanked at the steering column, swung the big truck round, and braked a bare five feet from a chasm that once had been a road.

### RAIL OF SHRAPNEL

Mr. Herman Woodgates, of Tilling, director of one of the toughest bunch of night truck "jockeys" that ever climbed into a driving cabin, was telling me the story. He paused for emphasis now, and smiled.

"Poor Joe," he said, "sat transfixed a moment, pale and stone deaf from the concussion. Then he recalled the little saloon that had been hanging close to his tail. Joe peered out. Of the car there was no sign."

In a hail of shrapnel Joe dropped into the road and hunted around for a solution to the mystery. Eventually he found the saloon blown bodily over a hedge into a field. He rushed up to discover the driver still inside, scared, but unhurt.

Joe rendered first aid, then swinging his lorry round the grass verge skirting the crater, he drove it, despite its shattered cab, back to the garage in London.

### DRIVING "ACES"

You would have thought he would have had enough for one night. Not so. Persuading another driver, to help him race, through the thickest of the barrage in another wagon, back to the crater.

There he set to work, pulled the little saloon back on the road again, put its motor in running order, and wished the driver God speed.

"Next morning Joe, cap in hand, was shuffling nervously on my carpet," Mr. Woodgates grinned, "and actually apologising."

"For old Joe wasn't looking for medals. He expected his pants to be kicked for getting into trouble on the road!"

No man is prouder of his driving "aces" than Mr. Woodgates. Neither bombs nor barrages can stop these couriers on their long

night runs to and from London and the great provincial cities. And they are rendering yeoman service to the country in the transport of war materials.

"We don't carry straw hats and furniture now," Mr. Woodgates told me, "but cargoes that are essential to the country's war effort."

### DUEL FOR LIFE

Mr. Woodgates related stories of high adventure on the road, of a driver's terrible duel for life with a blazing truck, of another driver losing his way and getting stuck with a huge cargo of refrigerators under a low bridge, when the temperature was below freezing point!

"One driver," he recalled, "was bowling along in a tank wagon, carrying 1,000 gallons of petrol, when he had to swerve to avoid a collision."

The tanker careered over a bank, somersaulted three times, and dropped 60 ft. before it hit bottom. They pulled the driver out unconscious, and his mates began to think about a wreath.

But two hours later the driver was out of hospital, back on the job, and only 15 gallons of petrol was lost out of the tank. Yes, they're tough, mighty tough—the waggon jockeys of the long night runs!

## TO LEAVE THE ARMY

Skilled Men  
For Repairs

**S**KILLED and semi-skilled men urgently required for the restoration of damaged public utility services are to be released from the Forces.

Applications for release, which must be submitted to the London Civil Defence Region for London, will be considered only for employees whose services are certified, by a responsible officer of a utility service, to be essential, and required exclusively for restoration.

The decision follows discussions between electricity undertakings comprised in the London and Home Counties joint electricity authority and the chief administrative officer of the London Civil Defence Region.

It is urged that there should be the closest co-operation between the electricity undertakings and the highway authorities in making good the damage caused.

Somewhere  
In Iceland



British and Canadian troops stationed in Iceland are the admired and envied of the native youngsters, who invariably "wangle" free rides during the unloading of ships.

## Convoy Safety

# NEW FLEET OF 'ESCORTS'

BY OUR NAVAL CORRESPONDENT

**T**WO IMPORTANT STEPS ARE NOW BEING TAKEN BY THE GOVERNMENT TO ENSURE THE GREATER SAFETY OF OUR NAVAL CONVOYS.

These convoys are now bringing increasing quantities of aircraft, guns, ammunition and other war material from overseas—as well as the normal food supplies.

It is essential, at this critical stage of the war, that as many as possible of them should reach our ports.

Especially as the Nazis, using the Western ports of France, are now sending out new waves of U-boats and dive bombers to attack the convoys.

The precautions being taken are the building of a huge fleet of a new type of escort vessel, and a request to the United States to "trade" to us 50 more of their destroyers.

The new escort vessels can be produced at a much higher speed than destroyers.

They are bigger than the motor launches now in service, but are smaller than the destroyers.

But they are a most efficient craft, whose speed and armament are being kept closely secret.

The American destroyers now serving with the British fleet have already been responsible for the safe arrival in port of many British cargo vessels.

### ITALY CLAIMS DJIBUTI

Zurich, Saturday. Contrary to previous reports, it was announced from Rome today that Italy has not renounced her claims to Djibuti, French Red Sea port.—Reuter.

## POSED AS R.A.F. OFFICER

**F**RANCIS HARRY TAYLOR, forty-three, an auditor, of Brighton-ry, Reading, was sentenced to three months' imprisonment at Kingston-upon-Thames yesterday for doing an act calculated falsely to suggest he was acting in the service of the King.

A young airman said Taylor got into conversation with him at a railway station, and said he was an R.A.F. officer.

**ASKED FOR LOAN** Taylor was not wearing uniform, and when he asked witness where he was stationed witness gave him a fictitious name of a place. They had tea at a café, and while witness was absent for a few moments Taylor abstracted some letters from his knapsack.

At a London terminus, when they were parting, Taylor asked for the loan of 10s., and witness refused. Subsequently he reported the matter to his superiors.

Taylor denied the charge. Detective Cooper said Taylor had sixteen previous convictions of false pretences and other offences, and the police had had complaints about him and of his association with young men in the R.A.F.

The Chairman, Mr. G. A. Isaacs, M.P., said the airman acted wisely in reporting the matter.

# "Ban Diplomats' Code Messages!" M.P.s Say

## They Aid The Spy Brigade

BY OUR DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

**D**IPLOMATS REPRESENTING FOREIGN POWERS IN LONDON ARE DAILY SENDING TELEGRAMS AND CABLES IN CYPHER AND CODE TO THEIR GOVERNMENTS ON THE CONTINENT AND ELSEWHERE.

Many of these diplomats represent nations far from friendly towards Britain; some of the Governments are in close association with the Axis.

But the British Government has no opportunity of censoring these messages, or of acquainting itself with their contents.

Several M.P.s are alarmed at the latitude which the Foreign Office allows to these foreign representatives. Led by Captain Plummer, M.P., they are trying to persuade the Government to withdraw the privilege.

They know Germany is learning far more than is desirable about what is going on in this country, where our troops are stationed, where armament work is being carried on, where public bodies meet.

As most of the ordinary espionage channels have been effectively blocked, they doubt the Government's wisdom in allowing diplomats to communicate with their own countries in code.

This is a possible loophole over which the Foreign Office ought to exercise more control.

Another loophole is through the diplomatic bags which foreign representatives in this country are allowed to send—radio and otherwise—to their own countries at weekly intervals.

## No More Naturalisation

BY OUR POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

**H**UNDREDS OF GERMANS, AUSTRIANS, ITALIANS AND FOREIGNERS OF OTHER NATIONALITIES, TRYING TO SECURE BRITISH CITIZENSHIP, HAVE BEEN TOLD BY THE HOME OFFICE THAT NO MORE APPLICATIONS CAN BE CONSIDERED TILL AFTER THE WAR.

A long list of naturalisations was issued a few days ago, and that is to be the last till peace returns.

The Government takes the view that the present is not an appropriate time to allow foreigners to become Britons.

The ruling applies to refugees who are genuine victims of Nazi oppression, as well as people who have been interned because there is some doubt about their bona fides.

It also concerns aliens whose countries are so far neutral in regard to the war.

Only exceptions that are to be made henceforth are those of women of British birth who have lost their British citizenship on marriage.

If they married enemy aliens, i.e., Germans, Austrians or Italians, they will be allowed to apply for naturalisation though still married to the men concerned.

Many women in this plight are now living in Britain, while their husbands are fighting in the Nazi or Fascist armies.

## Whistles Will Sound Danger

**F**ROM noon today, Londoners will know if they hear air raid warnings blow their whistles that there is immediate danger.

In future, the whistles will not sound merely to reinforce the "Alert" siren. They will be used to indicate "Raiders overhead," whether the sirens have sounded or not.

At night, when the majority of the population are indoors, whistles will not be sounded.

### GERMAN EXECUTED

Rudolf Maier, a German, accused of having "enlisted agents" for the news service of a foreign power during the years 1935-38, was executed yesterday, according to the Berlin radio.

## HOW TO WARM YOUR SHELTER

**P**ROBABLY THE ONLY SAFE MEANS OF HEATING SMALL AIR-RAID SHELTERS ARE BY ELECTRICITY AND HOT-WATER BOTTLES, MR. A. KIRKWOOD DODDS, PRESIDENT OF THE AIR-RAID PROTECTION INSTITUTE, TOLD "THE PEOPLE" YESTERDAY.

He stressed the fact that electric heating must be installed by a competent electrician to ensure proper earthing and to avoid the possibility of shocks due to installation faults. This risk existed even in brick surface shelters if the floor was damp.

No heater with an exposed luminous element should be adopted, owing to the danger of fire and burns, particularly in small shelters.

If electric heating could not be afforded, hot-water bottles made an effective substitute.

Mr. Kirkwood Dodds added, "Small shelters, when fully occupied, will normally maintain a comfortable degree of warmth by the heat produced by the human body. The shelter should therefore be heated before occupation, as this will reduce risks of illness due to sudden removal from a warm room to a cold and possibly damp shelter."

So great were the risks, that the use of oil stoves, coke braziers or any other form of combustion heating should be prohibited.

We've More—

## MEAT THAN WE NEED

Special to "The People"

**T**HE MINISTER OF FOOD, LORD WOOLTON, HAS GIVEN A BLUNT "NO" TO AN M.P. WHO SUGGESTED THAT HE SHOULD INQUIRE INTO THE POSSIBILITIES OF UTILISING HORSE FLESH AS THE WAR GOES ON.

"I see no reason at all for doing this," Lord Woolton has told him. And his reason is a sound one.

Unlike Germany, where horseflesh has had to form a substantial part of the meat diet for some months, there are ample supplies of meat in this country.

### AMPLE RATION

And convoys are regularly arriving every day, bringing additional supplies from Canada, U.S.A., Uruguay, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and Argentina.

Moreover, the present official meat ration is already bigger than the majority of the people need, for only 70 per cent. of the butchers' customers are buying the full amount of their ration.

That figure has been arrived at as a result of a meat census that has been taken by officials of the Food Ministry.

The M.P. who suggested that the Minister should look into the question of horseflesh was Colonel Carver, one of the Yorkshire members.

He pointed out to Lord Woolton that as a result of the cutting off of Belgium and France—formerly big customers for British horse carcasses—from trade with this country, large numbers of carcasses were without a market.

## ADMIRAL TO BE U.S. ENVOY TO VICHY

New York, Saturday. PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT announced today, through a secretary, that he would appoint Admiral Leahy to succeed Mr. William Bullitt as Ambassador to France.—Reuter.

## Broken Sleep



## The best way to resume sleep quickly

**R**EFRESHING, revitalising sleep is more than ever necessary to you in these times of stress and strain. If, unfortunately, your sleep is broken, it is essential to make up for the lost hours quickly and effectively.

It is therefore most important to resume sleep as soon as the opportunity occurs. You can do this best by drinking a cup of delicious 'Ovaltine' when you return to bed.

Although entirely free from drugs, 'Ovaltine' has the outstanding advantage of inducing sleep quickly. Owing to its special properties, 'Ovaltine' relieves inner tension, soothes the mind and body and makes you receptive to sleep.

Furthermore, 'Ovaltine' sleep is restorative sleep of the best kind, for 'Ovaltine' possesses exceptional revitalising qualities largely derived from the eggs used in its manufacture. No food beverage can be fully restoring unless this property is obtained from its ingredients.

'Ovaltine' taken during the day also will prove most effective in restoring lowered strength and vitality. Moreover, 'Ovaltine' is ideally constituted to make good any possible lack of essential nourishment in your wartime diet.

For all these reasons make 'Ovaltine' your constant standby. But be sure it is 'Ovaltine', which is so different from imitations made to look the same.

Obviously, it would be easy to cheapen 'Ovaltine' by adding household sugar in its manufacture. It is much more economical, however, to add the sugar at home if required. Note especially that, although 'Ovaltine' does not contain household sugar, it is naturally sweet and the addition of sugar is unnecessary.

Drink  
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The Restorative Food Beverage



## How can you get a GIRLISH FIGURE

**I**F you have a tendency to put on weight you may easily regain a slim, girlish figure with the aid of nightly Bile Beans.

Bile Beans are the safe, healthy way to slimmness. Just a couple at bedtime and that surplus fat gradually melts away, leaving you with slender, graceful lines.

Bile Beans are purely vegetable—they eliminate fat-forming residue daily, and by toning up the system and purifying the blood give you radiant health and a lovely fashionable slim figure. So remember—don't envy others their girlish figure—start now to get one for yourself.

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## BILE BEANS



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"People are surprised at the difference Bile Beans have made in my appearance. They have gradually and safely rid me of twenty-four pounds of surplus fat. I wouldn't miss my Bile Beans at bedtime for anything."—Mrs. R. N. Walsall.

**N**AMING of the Nazi Trans-Ocean Company by the Dies Committee of investigation into anti-American activities is only the first step in a full-scale Washington counter-offensive against German diplomatic chicanery all over the world.

Nazi High Command have good reason to fear that further exposures cannot fail to excite the American public to break off diplomatic relations with Germany, Italy and Japan.

Such a blow to Axis prestige would have immediate and dangerous repercussions for Hitler's hopes inside all countries now dominated by Germany.

South American countries, in co-operation with U.S.A., are diverting all mails and packages sent to Germany and Italy via Japan and Siberia into "clipper" aircraft or steamers which call at Bermuda.

Here British censors examine all correspondence and take precautions to prevent such contraband as diamonds, money and dollar securities being used against the Allies.

In several South American States, too, scores of Germans suspected of Fifth Column activities have been quietly rounded up and put on neutral vessels just before they sail. All visas to land in any country belonging to the Pan-

American union are cancelled when the passports of these gentry are handed to them.

**T**OKYO has lately become focal point of intrigue in which the yellow end of the Axis has been made to feel blue. Army Party is meeting with strong opposition from the four-sectary democrats who have suffered greatly through loss of trade and other restrictions.

While the Tokyo Government is trying to bluff Chiang-kai-shek into a peace trap under orders from Germany in order to threaten Britain and America, the democrats are slowly but surely swinging public opinion away from the Axis by exposing German duplicity.

Dutch East Indies are daily growing stronger and are now confident of being able to meet any threat either directly through Japanese aggression or through Nazi intrigue operating by way of Vichy and French Indo-China.

**O**NE of the least publicised but not the least deadly blows to Hitler's efforts in the East to ease British and American pressure in the West has been handed out by India. Millions of Moslems have rallied round their leaders and have united in declaring what is virtually a holy war against Nazi-Fascism.

In many provinces Indian labourers have offered to release soldiers on road work and other lines of communications. If required, India can place a labour corps of no fewer than 10,000,000 men into the war effort behind a fighting force of 3,000,000.



## SHELTER SPRAYING to prevent infection

### ★ USE OF SODIUM HYPOCHLORITE RECOMMENDED BY THE 'HORDER COMMITTEE'

The results of the long series of scientific experiments conducted in co-operation with eminent bacteriologists, to determine the value of Milton in air sterilization, have now been recognised in Paragraph 16 of the Horder Report.

"There is sufficient evidence for considering that the risk of air-borne infection may be reduced by spraying the atmosphere of shelters. On account of its easy procurability, cheapness in bulk and intrinsic merits, the antiseptic recommended is sodium hypochlorite in aqueous solution. The type of spray will vary from mechanically-operated to hand-operated apparatus according to the type and size of shelter."

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## Duce's "Fighters" Fled FOUR "AUSSIES" BEAT 17 IN DOGFIGHT!

FOUR AIRCRAFT OF THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE WHICH ATTACKED 17 ITALIAN FIGHTERS IN "A GENERAL DOGFIGHT" OVER ITALIAN TROOPS ON THE GROUND, SHOT DOWN THREE OF THE ENEMY MACHINES AND PROBABLY TWO OR THREE OTHERS.

A flight-lieutenant surrounded by nine enemy fighters attacked at 50 yards' range, and a flying officer engaged four Italian fighters in turn, states the Air Ministry News Service in describing the success of the first battle in which the R.A.F. was engaged with the Italians.

The Australians came out of their first flight in the Middle East with flying colours. They lost one officer and one aircraft, but it is definitely established that three CR42s were shot down, and probably two or three others. The pilots of the four aircraft were a squadron-leader, a flight-lieutenant and two flying-officers. They were returning from patrol over enemy territory when they encountered 17 CR42s which were giving fighter protection to Italian troops on the ground.

A dogfight ensued. The flight-lieutenant fought himself with nine enemy fighters around him, and he attacked one of them. At 50 yards' range he opened fire and the CR42 dived and crashed.

He was then pursued by three others, but he got a good burst into one of them, and when last he saw this aircraft it was diving into the clouds with black smoke pouring from it.

ONE AGAINST FOUR  
Meanwhile the other three Australian pilots had individually attacked the other enemy aircraft. One flying officer engaged as many as four separate enemy machines in turn.

"I could almost see straight into their cockpits," he said, "and I believe that one had no room to pull out of a dive, and another seemed to be in an uncontrollable spin at only 200 feet from the ground."

This pilot then saw two enemy fighters on the tail of the Australian aircraft piloted by the squadron-leader. He went to his assistance and saw one of the Italian machines fall away and disappear beneath him.

The other flying officer, having beaten off the enemy aircraft which attacked him, saw the Gladiator piloted by the squadron-leader diving away from the fight. He followed him down, hoping to see him pull out near the ground, but he saw the aircraft crash instead.

## JAPAN'S WAR

## Talk Of Drive On Hong-Kong

Shanghai, Saturday.  
JAPAN intends to close the "China incident"—the other war in the Far East—in the next ten days by recognising Wang Ching-wei's puppet regime of Nanking as the National Government of China, Japanese sources said today.

This, foreign officials predicted, would be followed closely by Japanese drives into South-Eastern Asia, perhaps even an attack on Hong-Kong.

## MORE DISCUSSIONS

Japanese informants said that General Abe, the Japanese envoy to Nanking, would fly from Tokyo to Nanking on Tuesday, while the Privy Council on Wednesday, under the chairmanship of the Emperor, would approve a pact, which would then be flown to Nanking for Wang Ching-wei's signature.

The treaty would give the impression that the Wang Ching-wei regime was a continuation of the former Nanking national administration.

It was understood that the question of the abolition of extra-territorial questions and the settlement of foreign concessions would be subject to further Nanking-Tokyo discussions.

Japan, it was said, would promise to withdraw troops from China only after order had been fully restored.

German and Italian recognition of Nanking was expected quickly. —A.P.

# Grim Scenes As Invaders Leave Italians Pillage Villages

## DARK AND SMART



Take a look at uniforms of the London bus conductress and then at these of the Blackpool lassies—and make up your mind which design is the smarter.

## ENGINEER PEELS ARMY'S POTATOES

### "Let Him Work At His Trade"

—M.P. URGES

BY OUR MILITARY CORRESPONDENT

PRIVATE D. PETERS, OF THE FIRST DIVISION PETROL COMPANY ROYAL ARMY SERVICE CORPS, IS AN EXAMPLE OF HOW THE ARMY IS WASTING MAN-POWER. AND BECAUSE OF THIS, MR. ELLIS SMITH, LABOUR M.P. FOR STOKE-ON-TRENT, IS MAKING SPECIAL REPRESENTATIONS TO MR. EDEN, SECRETARY FOR WAR, TO SEE IF PETERS'S SKILL CAN BE USED TO BETTER ADVANTAGE.

Peters is a highly skilled engineer. He could be doing engineering work in the Army or he could help the war effort in the munitions factories.

But the Army employs him in the cookhouse, and makes him spend most of his day peeling potatoes and washing up pots and pans. He is doing work that an unskilled labourer could do, and is being kept away from valuable work that he could do really well.

## FIRMS APPEAL

Several firms who know of his engineering skill have applied several times for his release from the Army, so that he could become one of their key men. His former trade union has applied for his release on similar grounds.

Nothing has been done; he has been told that he must stay at his task in the cookhouse.

Mr. Ellis Smith is urging Mr. Eden either to let Peters—his home is at Stoke-on-Trent—return to civil life, or put him on engineering work in the Army.

## JAPANESE SPY IS JAILED FOR 3 YEARS

Singapore, Saturday.

A JAPANESE has been sentenced to three years' imprisonment here for obtaining information about the movements of troops and aircraft and details of Singapore's defences.

The Japanese, Mamoru Shin-ozaki, was also fined £125.

Summing up the case, the assize judge said that the accused had expressed pride at being a Japanese, and the jury were entitled to take into consideration the fact that at present our former ally was associated with two nations fighting against England.

Shin-ozaki, in a statement from the dock, described himself as a press clerk at the local Japanese consulate.

The chief witness for the prosecution said that on numerous occasions he handed over information regarding guns and the strength of the forces at Singapore in exchange for payment ranging from five to 45 dollars a week.—Reuter.

## Women and Children Carried Off

AS MUSSOLINI'S INGLORIOUS ARMIES ARE FALLING BACK INTO ALBANIA FOLLOWING THE FALL OF KORITZA, GRIM SCENES OF PLUNDER, RAPE AND PILLAGE ARE BEING WITNESSED IN VILLAGES ON THE LINE OF RETREAT, ACCORDING TO A GREEK COMMUNIQUE ISSUED IN ATHENS.

"The Italians are looting and plundering the villages they are leaving," the communiqué says.

"The village of Sayiades has been burned, while other freed villages present horrible scenes where the Italians are leaving traces of savagery and barbarity."

"In the village of Bassibikon, women and girls have been raped and killed, while many women and children have been carried off as hostages. Their fate is still unknown."

## BOMBED BY R.A.F.

British planes, according to reports in Athens, have bombed Argyro Castro as well as Pogradets, to which the Italians are retreating from Koritza.

I watched the bombing of

Pogradets from the mountain heights near Sveti Naum, on the Yugoslav-Albanian frontier between Lake Ochrida and Lake Prespa, writes a British United Press special correspondent.

I saw British bombers fly four times over the town and rain bombs on the town and surrounding villages, to which the Italians had withdrawn, he says.

Albanians were also sniping the retreating Italians from the heights above the road from Koritza. One British bomber crashed in the mountains between Lake Prespa and Lake Ochrida.

General Metaxas, broadcasting his thanks to the Greek nation, said:

"Twenty-six days ago the enemy attacked everything of honour and liberty that we hold dear. All Greece rose united as one man and took up arms after the King's appeal. Heavy fighting began immediately and the brave was borne during the first days by the Epirus Army during the mobilisation period."

## BRITAIN THANKED

"I wish to express my gratitude to the Greek Army, Navy and Air Force, who have proved true to our traditions. My thanks also to the civilians who have so heroically stood up under bombardment."

"My thanks also to our British Allies for their whole-hearted aid during our struggle, especially their naval and air exploits."

Sufficient equipment for two divisions in machine guns, lorries and ammunition was abandoned by the Italians in Koritza when they left in the face of the swift Greek advance, according to reports in Athens.

The Italians apparently attempted to carry off or destroy huge stores of petrol, but the garrison were surprised before they could do so.

Nineteen Italian officers and 400 soldiers were captured in the final phase of the fall of Koritza, according to reports reaching Yugoslavia. The Greeks are also reported to have taken 80 tanks, 30 lorries and seven heavy guns in addition to other material.

## FRENCH CABINET MAY GO TO PARIS

Zurich, Saturday.

DATE will shortly be fixed for return of the French Government to either Paris or Versailles, says the Vichy correspondent of "La Suisse," quoting "official circles" there.

Two hotels have been requisitioned at Versailles for the Government, he adds.—Reuter.

## BREMEN RADIO FADED OUT

Bremen radio station was off the air at 6.25 p.m. yesterday. The usual news bulletin in English was not broadcast.

Although Bremen and a number of other German stations have been closing down early for some weeks now owing to the regular visits of the R.A.F., this is an unusually early hour for it to be off the air.—Reuter.

## STOP PRESS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 1940.

Learned in Salonika that Greek Legation in Sofia had received report that two Italian divisions had been surrounded by advancing Greeks south of Argyro Castro. General Souda's main military base in Southern Albania.

## ITALIAN DIVISIONS SURROUNDED

A South of England village last night had its third air raid since the outbreak of war. High explosive bombs had dropped near a council housing estate. Several of the houses were extensively damaged by blast, but there were no casualties.

## HOUSES DAMAGED BY BLAST

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## THAT LEEK RACKET

THE Leek Racket is to be aired in the House of Commons. Mr. Will Thorne is to ask the Food Minister: "If his attention has been called to the high price now being charged for leeks, and what action he intends taking in the matter."

The Leek Racket has blown up during the past ten days.

Owing to the shortage of onions, which developed mysteriously as soon as the Food Minister imposed an official price, housewives began to ask for leeks instead.

Immediately the price of leeks began to rise. One and sixpence is now being charged for a bundle of five. In some towns fivepence a leek is being demanded.

The average price is five times as high as before the war.

## Nazi Claim

## BIRMINGHAM FIRES SEEN IN FRANCE!

A WEST Midlands town bore the main force of a determined Nazi raid during Friday night and yesterday morning.

Wave after wave of enemy planes arrived at ten-minute intervals over the town.

Large numbers of fires were dropped, followed by many incendiaries and heavy bombs.

More raiders took part than in any previous raid on the area. They came in from every direction. A church and two convents were among the buildings hit. Damage to residential property was widespread.

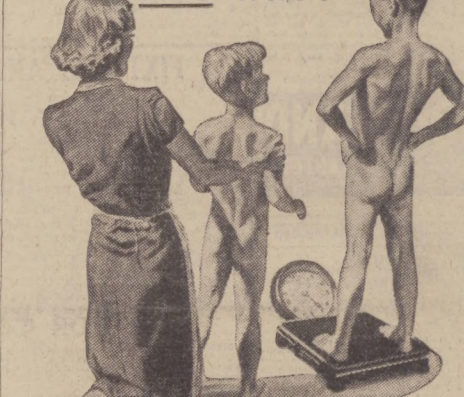
Claims that "heavy reprisal" air attacks were launched on London, Birmingham, Coventry, Bristol and Southampton were made in yesterday's German High Command communiqué.

Berlin officially declared that the Birmingham attacks were so heavy that the fires caused could be seen from the French coast.

Entire city quarters, as well as factory areas, were gutted, they claimed. Dive-bombing attacks were carried out for the first time against important aircraft factories, it was added.

The communiqué said that "on the South-East Coast of England and at Lincoln communications were bombed on a large scale."

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